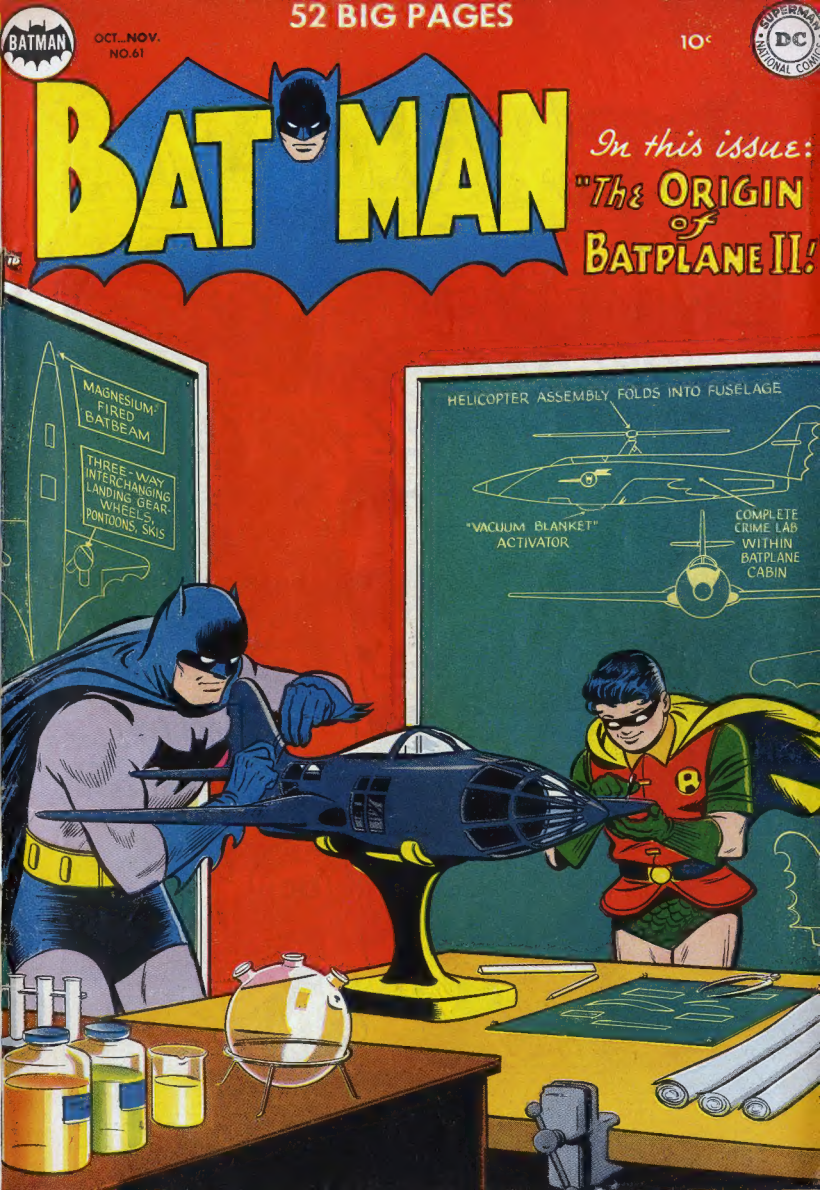
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WITH
ROBIN
- THE BOY WONDER -
IMAGINE BATPLANE VS. BATPLANE FOR THE MASTERY OF THE SKIES!
WELL, THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE BATPLANE, MOST FORMIDABLE OF ALL BATMAN'S EQUIPMENT, FALLS INTO EVIL HANDS. FOR THE ONLY WAY BATMAN CAN PUT AN END TO THIS NEW TERROR IS TO DEVISE A NEW BATPLANE--AND MOVE TO THE ATTACK! SO, FOR JET-PROPELLED THRILLS AND POWER-DIVING ACTION, SLIP ON YOUR OXYGEN TANKS, ADJUST YOUR GOGGLES FOR...
"The Birth of BATPLANE II!"
HURRY, ROBIN! THE NEW BATPLANE IS SORELY NEEDED!
GOTHAM NEWS
CROOKS NAB BATPLANE!
CREATE DEADLY AIR ARMADA!
BOB KANE

ONE DAY, IN THE OFFICES OF GOTHAM AIRLINES...
I'M SORRY, HAGGERTY... THE DOCTORS HAVE TURNED DOWN YOUR REQUEST TO PILOT ONE OF OUR PLANES.
WHAT? WITH MY WAR RECORD—AND FLYING EXPERIENCE?
DESPERATELY, "FLYING TIGER" HAGGERTY PRODUCES PHOTOGRAPHIC TESTIMONY OF HIS SKILL...
SEE? THAT WAS ME PILOTING THAT MUSTANG, MR. LANE! I WAS CREDITED WITH SHOOTING DOWN 22 JAP PLANES!
WHY, I'VE HANDLED ALL TYPES OF AIRCRAFT. LOOK AT THIS CARGO SHIP I FLEW OVER THE TREACHEROUS ALPS!
I KNOW—BUT YOU'VE GOTTEN OLDER—YOUR REFLEXES ARE SLOWER! AND YOU KNOW, SAFETY IS OUR MAIN CONCERN! BUT REMEMBER—COME SEE ME ANY TIME YOU'RE READY TO TAKE A DESK JOB...
DESK JOB! WHY, I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO STAND IT!
LATER, AS "FLYING TIGER" HAGGERTY MAKES ONE LAST-DITCH EFFORT TO STAY IN THE GAME HE LOVES...
BUT, COLONEL WEBB--YOU CAN'T TURN ME DOWN! FLYING'S MY WHOLE LIFE!
SORRY, HAGGERTY.. REGULATIONS ARE REGULATIONS! I'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU--BUT I JUST CAN'T...
MEANWHILE, IN A WAITING ROOM NEAR COLONEL WEBB'S OFFICE...
I WONDER WHAT COLONEL WEBB WANTS OF US, BATMAN?
HE DIDN'T SAY! HE JUST TOLD COMMISSIONER GORDON IT WAS A MATTER OF EXTREME URGENCY AND SECRECY!
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PRESENTLY, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE SUMMONED FOR THEIR INTERVIEW...
THIS WAY, GENTLEMEN..
SAY- THERE'S "FLYING TIGER" HAGGERTY, BATMAN! REMEMBER?... WE MET HIM AT A BOND DRIVE, DURING THE WAR...
YES- BUT LET'S NOT BOTHER HIM, NOW! HE SEEMS VERY UPSET ABOUT SOMETHING!
AND WHEN THE DYNAMIC DUO IS ALONE WITH COLONEL WEBB...
SO YOU WANT US TO HELP YOU TEST AN IMPORTANT NEW WEAPON YOU'VE INVENTED, COLONEL!
YES, GENTLEMEN! IT'S NOT QUITE READY TO BE PRESENTED OFFICIALLY TO THE ARMY-- THAT'S WHY I PREFER NOT TO USE ARMY PLANES OR PERSONNEL IN THIS TEST...
WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS INSTALL THE WEAPON IN THE BATPLANE -AND USE MY PERSONAL PLANE AS THE TEST TARGET.
WHY, WE'LL BE GLAD TO ASSIST YOU, COLONEL.
NEXT DAY, AT AN ISOLATED AIRFIELD...
I CALL IT A "VACUUM BLANKET", BATMAN! WHEN TURNED ON DIRECTLY OVER ANOTHER PLANE, IT CREATES A VACUUM, WHICH CONKS OUT THAT PLANE'S ENGINE.
AND AS THEY TAKE TO THE AIR...
WHEN I GIVE THE SIGNAL, ROBIN, TURN ON THE "VACUUM BLANKET"!
RIGHT! AND IF IT WORKS, COLONEL WEBB SHOULD HAVE LITTLE TROUBLE GLIDING HIS PLANE TO A LANDING.
BUT AS ROBIN TURNS ON THE NEW WEAPON...
TURN IT OFF, ROBIN! SOMETHING'S GONE WRONG! THE BATPLANE'S CONTROLS HAVE FROZEN!
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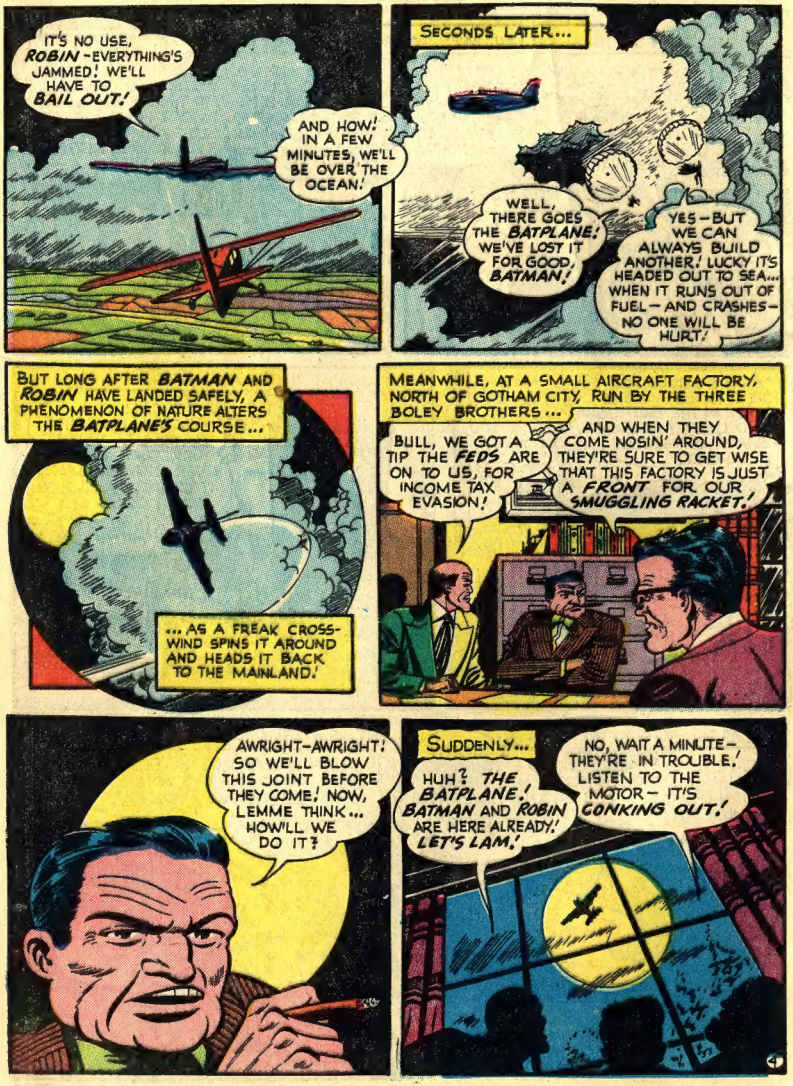
IT'S NO USE, ROBIN – EVERYTHING'S JAMMED! WE'LL HAVE TO BAIL OUT!
AND HOW! IN A FEW MINUTES, WE'LL BE OVER THE OCEAN!
SECONDS LATER...
WELL, THERE GOES THE BATPLANE! WE'VE LOST IT FOR GOOD, BATMAN!
YES – BUT WE CAN ALWAYS BUILD ANOTHER! LUCKY IT'S HEADED OUT TO SEA... WHEN IT RUNS OUT OF FUEL – AND CRASHES – NO ONE WILL BE HURT!
BUT LONG AFTER BATMAN AND ROBIN HAVE LANDED SAFELY, A PHENOMENON OF NATURE ALTERS THE BATPLANE'S COURSE...
... AS A FREAK CROSS-WIND SPINS IT AROUND AND HEADS IT BACK TO THE MAINLAND!
MEANWHILE, AT A SMALL AIRCRAFT FACTORY, NORTH OF GOTHAM CITY, RUN BY THE THREE BOLEY BROTHERS...
BULL, WE GOT A TIP THE FEDS ARE ON TO US, FOR INCOME TAX EVASION!
AND WHEN THEY COME NOSIN' AROUND, THEY'RE SURE TO GET WISE THAT THIS FACTORY IS JUST A FRONT FOR OUR SMUGGLING RACKET!
AWRIGHT – AWRIGHT! SO WE'LL BLOW THIS JOINT BEFORE THEY COME! NOW, LEMME THINK... HOW'LL WE DO IT?
SUDDENLY...
HUH? THE BATPLANE! BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE HERE ALREADY! LET'S LAM!
NO, WAIT A MINUTE – THEY'RE IN TROUBLE! LISTEN TO THE MOTOR – IT'S CONKING OUT!

MOMENTS LATER...

LOOK! THE *BATPLANE'S* LANDED, LIGHT AS A FEATHER, IN THOSE PINE TREES! ARE THEY LUCKY!

MAYBE THEY'RE *NOT* SO LUCKY! HERE'S OUR CHANCE TO CATCH 'EM BY SURPRISE! *SHOOT TO KILL!*

BUT WHEN THE CROOKS CHARGE THE *BATPLANE*...

WHY—IT'S EMPTY! THEY AIN'T HERE! WHAT HAPPENED?

I DON'T KNOW, AND I DON'T CARE! WE JUST GOT OURSELVES A *BATPLANE!* WHAT AN IDEA THAT GIVES ME!

THINK OF THE JOBS WE CAN PULL WITH THE *BATPLANE!* ALL WE NEED IS A PILOT WHO CAN FIX THE MOTOR! THEN, WE'LL BUILD *TWO MORE BATPLANES* — ONE FOR *EACH* OF US! *WHY, WE'LL RULE THE CRIME WORLD!*

AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE *BATCAVE, BATMAN* AND *ROBIN,* IN THEIR EVERYDAY DISGUISES AS BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON, COMPLETE PLANS FOR A *NEW BATPLANE*...

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COLONEL WEBB HAS CO-OPERATED IN KEEPING THE ACCIDENT OUT OF THE PAPERS, DICK!

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TELEVISION, RADAR, RADIO ANTENNAES — ALL CONTAINED IN THE WING STRUCTURES

HUMAN EJECTOR TUBES

GOOD, BRUCE! THERE'S NO SENSE IN LETTING CROOKS KNOW WE HAVEN'T GOT A *BATPLANE!* WILL THEY BE SURPRISED WHEN THEY SEE THIS NEW ONE! BOY—IT'S A CORKER!

AND AS THE DAYS PASS...

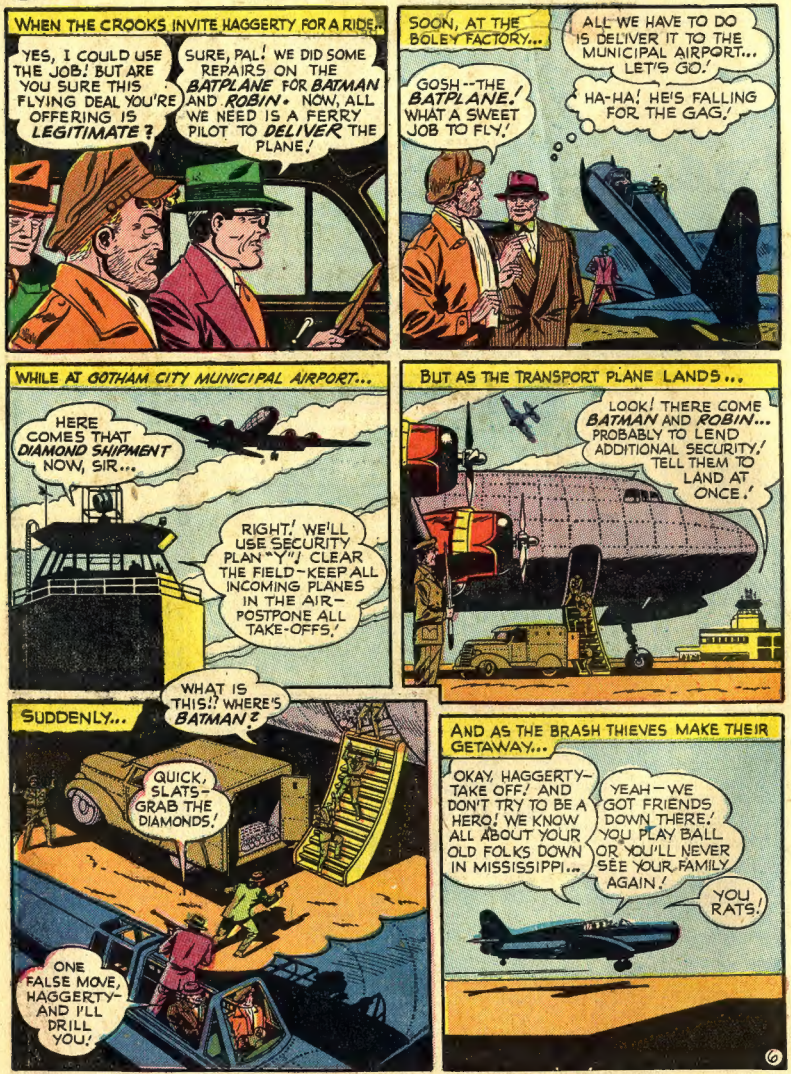
A MINIATURE BUT COMPLETE CRIME LAB WILL FIT IN HERE! BEHIND IT WILL BE OUR STORAGE SPACE!

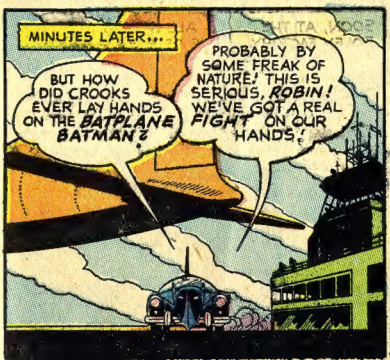
HMMM... THAT'S WHERE WE CAN KEEP PROVISIONS, EXTRA UNIFORMS, DUMMIES OF OURSELVES, SPARE EQUIPMENT—AND ALL THE OTHER THINGS THIS TERRIFIC PLANE WILL NEED!

MEANWHILE, AS THINGS GO BADLY FOR "FLYING TIGER" HAGGERTY...

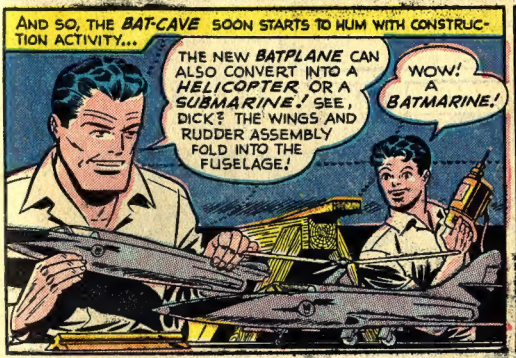
THAT MUST BE THE FLYER THEY TOLD US ABOUT IN THAT FLEA-BAG OF A HOTEL...

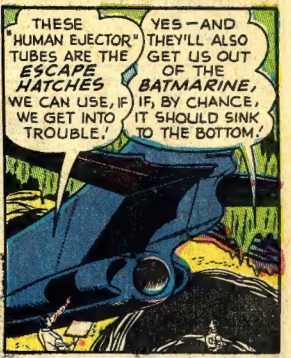
YEAH! AN OLD ARMY PILOT WHO'D DO ANYTHING TO FLY AGAIN! AND DON'T FORGET HIS OLD FOLKS, DOWN IN MISSISSIPPI—THAT'S OUR ACE IN THE HOLE!

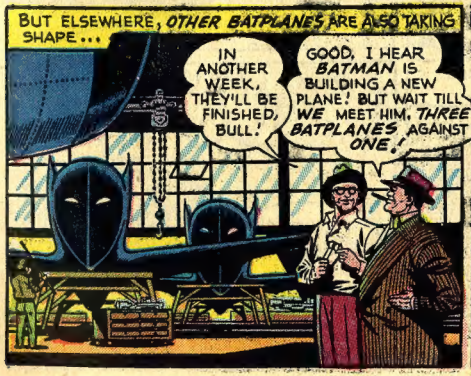

WHEN THE CROOKS INVITE HAGGERTY FOR A RIDE...
YES, I COULD USE THE JOB! BUT ARE YOU SURE THIS FLYING DEAL YOU'RE OFFERING IS LEGITIMATE?
SURE, PAL! WE DID SOME REPAIRS ON THE BATPLANE FOR BATMAN AND ROBIN. NOW, ALL WE NEED IS A FERRY PILOT TO DELIVER THE PLANE!
SOON, AT THE BOLEY FACTORY...
ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS DELIVER IT TO THE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT... LET'S GO!
GOSH--THE BATPLANE! WHAT A SWEET JOB TO FLY!
HA-HA! HE'S FALLING FOR THE GAG!
WHILE AT GOTHAM CITY MUNICIPAL AIRPORT...
HERE COMES THAT DIAMOND SHIPMENT NOW, SIR...
RIGHT! WE'LL USE SECURITY PLAN "Y"! CLEAR THE FIELD--KEEP ALL INCOMING PLANES IN THE AIR--POSTPONE ALL TAKE-OFFS!
BUT AS THE TRANSPORT PLANE LANDS...
LOOK! THERE COME BATMAN AND ROBIN... PROBABLY TO LEND ADDITIONAL SECURITY! TELL THEM TO LAND AT ONCE!
SUDDENLY...
WHAT IS THIS?! WHERE'S BATMAN?
QUICK, SLATS--GRAB THE DIAMONDS!
ONE FALSE MOVE, HAGGERTY--AND I'LL DRILL YOU!
AND AS THE BRASH THIEVES MAKE THEIR GETAWAY...
OKAY, HAGGERTY--TAKE OFF! AND DON'T TRY TO BE A HERO! WE KNOW ALL ABOUT YOUR OLD FOLKS DOWN IN MISSISSIPPI...
YEAH--WE GOT FRIENDS DOWN THERE! YOU PLAY BALL OR YOU'LL NEVER SEE YOUR FAMILY AGAIN!
YOU RATS!


MINUTES LATER...
BUT HOW DID CROOKS EVER LAY HANDS ON THE BATPLANE BATMAN?
PROBABLY BY SOME FREAK OF NATURE! THIS IS SERIOUS, ROBIN! WE'VE GOT A REAL FIGHT ON OUR HANDS!

NO – I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE ANY OF THE CROOKS! BUT I COULDN'T MISTAKE THEIR PILOT – HE WAS "FLYING TIGER" HAGGERTY!
HAGGERTY! WE KNEW HE WAS DOWN AND OUT, BUT WE NEVER FIGURED HE'D TAKE UP WITH CRIMINALS! ROBIN, YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS... WE MUST FINISH OUR NEW PLANE AHEAD OF SCHEDULE!

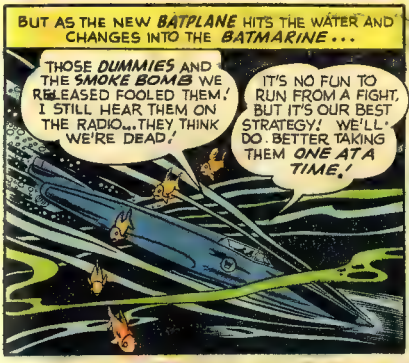

AND SO, THE BAT-CAVE SOON STARTS TO HUM WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY...
THE NEW BATPLANE CAN ALSO CONVERT INTO A HELICOPTER OR A SUBMARINE! SEE, DICK? THE WINGS AND RUDDER ASSEMBLY FOLD INTO THE FUSELAGE!
WOW! A BATMARINE!


THESE "HUMAN EJECTOR" TUBES ARE THE ESCAPE HATCHES WE CAN USE, IF WE GET INTO TROUBLE!
YES – AND THEY'LL ALSO GET US OUT OF THE BATMARINE, IF, BY CHANCE, IT SHOULD SINK TO THE BOTTOM!

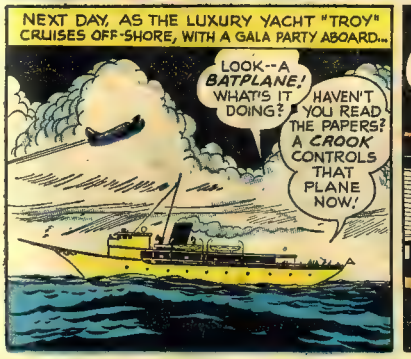

BUT ELSEWHERE, OTHER BATPLANES ARE ALSO TAKING SHAPE...
IN ANOTHER WEEK, THEY'LL BE FINISHED, BULL!
GOOD, I HEAR BATMAN IS BUILDING A NEW PLANE! BUT WAIT TILL WE MEET HIM, THREE BATPLANES AGAINST ONE!

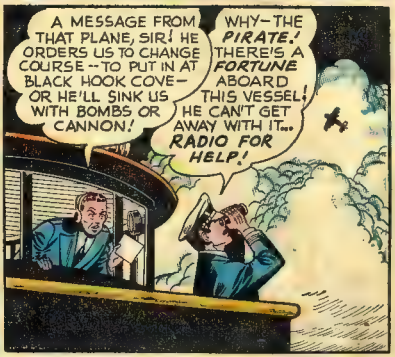
BY THE WAY, HAGGERTY, I GOT A LETTER, HERE, FROM MY FRIEND IN MISSISSIPPI! HE'S KEEPIN' A SHARP EYE ON YOUR FOLKS – WANNA READ IT?
DON'T RUB IT IN, BULL! I'M WORKING FOR YOU... ISN'T THAT ENOUGH?

DAYS LATER...
THERE IT IS, DICK—THE NEW BATPLANE! COMPLETE WITH JET-PROPULSION, TELEVISION, RADAR, CRIME LAB...
..."VACUUM BLANKET," BATMARINE, EJECTORS, THE BAT-BEAM—GOSH, BRUCE—WE COULD GO ON AND ON!
ABRUPTLY...
FLASH! A BATPLANE, BELIEVED TO BE THE ONE IN POSSESSION OF CRIMINALS, HAS BEEN SIGHTED IN THE AIR, NORTH OF GOTHAM CITY...
WHAT?! WE DIDN'T FINISH A MOMENT TOO SOON!
DICK! IT'S TIME FOR BATMAN AND ROBIN TO TRY OUT THEIR NEW PLANE!
SUDDENLY, AS THE COLORFUL CRIME-BUSTERS APPROACH BULL'S PLANE...
TOO MUCH FIRE-POWER EVEN FOR THIS PLANE, ROBIN!
LOOK! THREE BATPLANES! AND THEY'RE FIRING HEAVY CANNON!
SOON, IN THE SKIES OVER GOTHAM CITY...
HERE COMES BATMAN, BULL! THIS COULD MEAN OUR FINISH!
HA-HA! NOT WITH DAVE AND SLATS HIDING IN THE CLOUDS ABOVE! REMEMBER—BATMAN DOESN'T USE GUNS—AND WE DO!
WITHIN SECONDS, SMOKE POURS FROM THE NEW BATPLANE, AND...
NICE AIM, BOYS! YOU SET 'EM AFIRE AND THEY'RE BAILING OUT! WHAT A TARGET THEY'LL MAKE, FLOATING DOWN TO EARTH!
SO WHAT! HA-HA! THE NEW BATPLANE DIDN'T LAST LONG, DID IT? AND BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE SHOT FULL OF HOLES!
IT'S MURDER, BULL! PLAIN COLD-BLOODED MURDER!

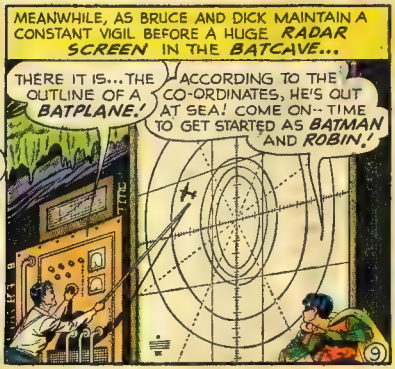

BUT AS THE NEW BATPLANE HITS THE WATER AND CHANGES INTO THE BATMARINE...
THOSE DUMMIES AND THE SMOKE BOMB WE RELEASED FOOLED THEM! I STILL HEAR THEM ON THE RADIO...THEY THINK WE'RE DEAD!
IT'S NO FUN TO RUN FROM A FIGHT, BUT IT'S OUR BEST STRATEGY! WE'LL DO BETTER TAKING THEM ONE AT A TIME!

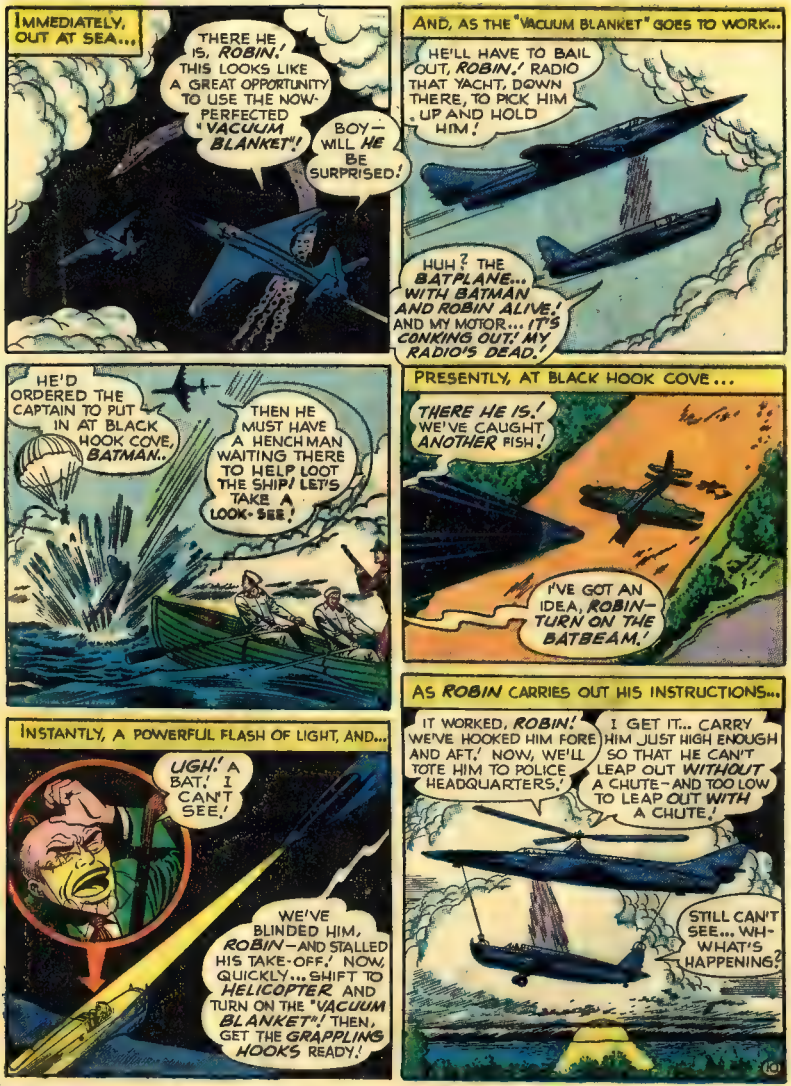
THINKING US OUT OF THE WAY, THEY'LL PROBABLY FEEL THERE'S NO NEED TO COME OUT IN FORCE! THEY'LL STRIKE WITH ONE PLANE AT A TIME!
...AND THAT'S WHEN THEY'LL FALL INTO OUR TRAP!

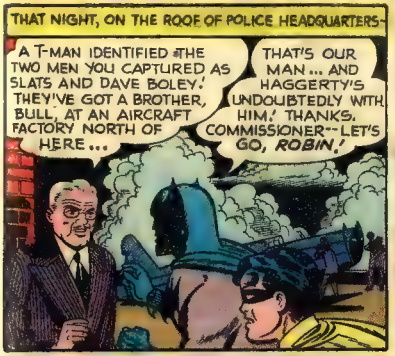

NEXT DAY, AS THE LUXURY YACHT "TROY" CRUISES OFF-SHORE, WITH A GALA PARTY ABOARD...
LOOK--A BATPLANE! WHAT'S IT DOING?
HAVEN'T YOU READ THE PAPERS? A CROOK CONTROLS THAT PLANE NOW!

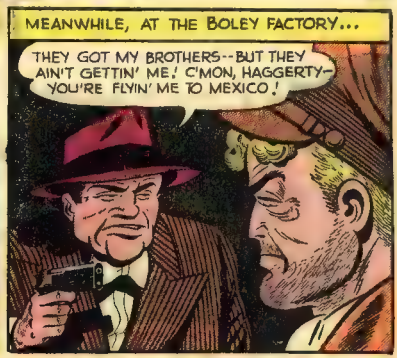

A MESSAGE FROM THAT PLANE, SIR! HE ORDERS US TO CHANGE COURSE--TO PUT IN AT BLACK HOOK COVE--OR HE'LL SINK US WITH BOMBS OR CANNON!
WHY--THE PIRATE! THERE'S A FORTUNE ABOARD THIS VESSEL! HE CAN'T GET AWAY WITH IT... RADIO FOR HELP!

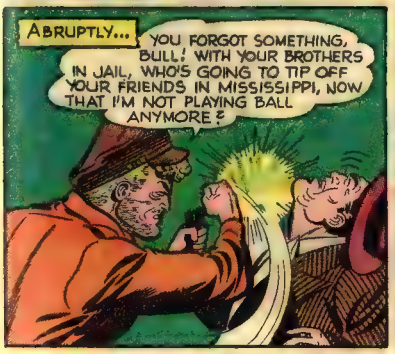
BUT BEFORE A MESSAGE CAN BE SENT THROUGH..
HE'S TUNED TO OUR RADIO CHANNEL, SIR! HE SAYS IF HE HEARS ONE PEEP OF AN SOS, HE'LL SINK US ON THE SPOT!
GOOD GRIEF! HE MEANS BUSINESS, ALLRIGHT... AND I CAN'T RISK THE LIVES OF MY PASSENGERS! WE'LL HAVE TO OBEY!

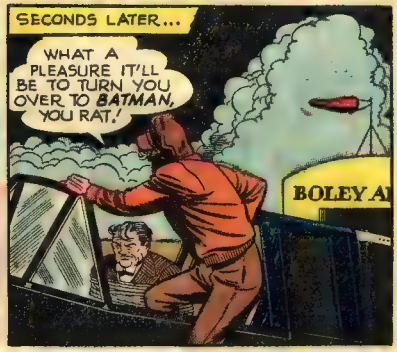

MEANWHILE, AS BRUCE AND DICK MAINTAIN A CONSTANT VIGIL BEFORE A HUGE RADAR SCREEN IN THE BATCAVE...
THERE IT IS...THE OUTLINE OF A BATPLANE!
ACCORDING TO THE CO-ORDINATES, HE'S OUT AT SEA! COME ON--TIME TO GET STARTED AS BATMAN AND ROBIN!


IMMEDIATELY, OUT AT SEA...
THERE HE IS, ROBIN.' THIS LOOKS LIKE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO USE THE NOW-PERFECTED "VACUUM BLANKET"!
BOY— WILL HE BE SURPRISED!
AND, AS THE "VACUUM BLANKET" GOES TO WORK...
HE'LL HAVE TO BAIL OUT, ROBIN,' RADIO THAT YACHT, DOWN THERE, TO PICK HIM UP AND HOLD HIM!
HUH? THE BATPLANE... WITH BATMAN AND ROBIN ALIVE! AND MY MOTOR... IT'S CONKING OUT! MY RADIO'S DEAD.
HE'D ORDERED THE CAPTAIN TO PUT IN AT BLACK HOOK COVE, BATMAN..
THEN HE MUST HAVE A HENCHMAN WAITING THERE TO HELP LOOT THE SHIP! LET'S TAKE A LOOK-SEE!
PRESENTLY, AT BLACK HOOK COVE...
THERE HE IS.' WE'VE CAUGHT ANOTHER FISH.'
I'VE GOT AN IDEA, ROBIN— TURN ON THE BATBEAM.'
INSTANTLY, A POWERFUL FLASH OF LIGHT, AND...
UGH.' A BAT.' I CAN'T SEE.'
WE'VE BLINDED HIM, ROBIN—AND STALLED HIS TAKE-OFF.' NOW, QUICKLY... SHIFT TO HELICOPTER AND TURN ON THE "VACUUM BLANKET"!' THEN, GET THE GRAPPLING HOOKS READY.'
AS ROBIN CARRIES OUT HIS INSTRUCTIONS...
IT WORKED, ROBIN.' WE'VE HOOKED HIM FORE AND AFT.' NOW, WE'LL TOTE HIM TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS.'
I GET IT... CARRY HIM JUST HIGH ENOUGH SO THAT HE CAN'T LEAP OUT WITHOUT A CHUTE—AND TOO LOW TO LEAP OUT WITH A CHUTE.'
STILL CAN'T SEE... WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING?


THAT NIGHT, ON THE ROOF OF POLICE HEADQUARTERS-
A T-MAN IDENTIFIED THE TWO MEN YOU CAPTURED AS SLATS AND DAVE BOLEY! THEY'VE GOT A BROTHER, BULL, AT AN AIRCRAFT FACTORY NORTH OF HERE...
THAT'S OUR MAN... AND HAGGERTY'S UNDOUBTEDLY WITH HIM! THANKS, COMMISSIONER--LET'S GO, ROBIN!


MEANWHILE, AT THE BOLEY FACTORY...
THEY GOT MY BROTHERS--BUT THEY AIN'T GETTIN' ME! C'MON, HAGGERTY--YOU'RE FLYIN' ME TO MEXICO!


ABRUPTLY...
YOU FORGOT SOMETHING, BULL! WITH YOUR BROTHERS IN JAIL, WHO'S GOING TO TIP OFF YOUR FRIENDS IN MISSISSIPPI, NOW THAT I'M NOT PLAYING BALL ANYMORE?


SECONDS LATER...
WHAT A PLEASURE IT'LL BE TO TURN YOU OVER TO BATMAN, YOU RAT!
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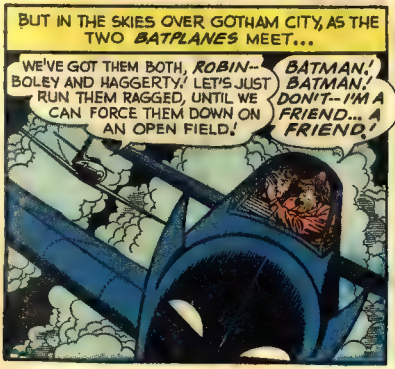
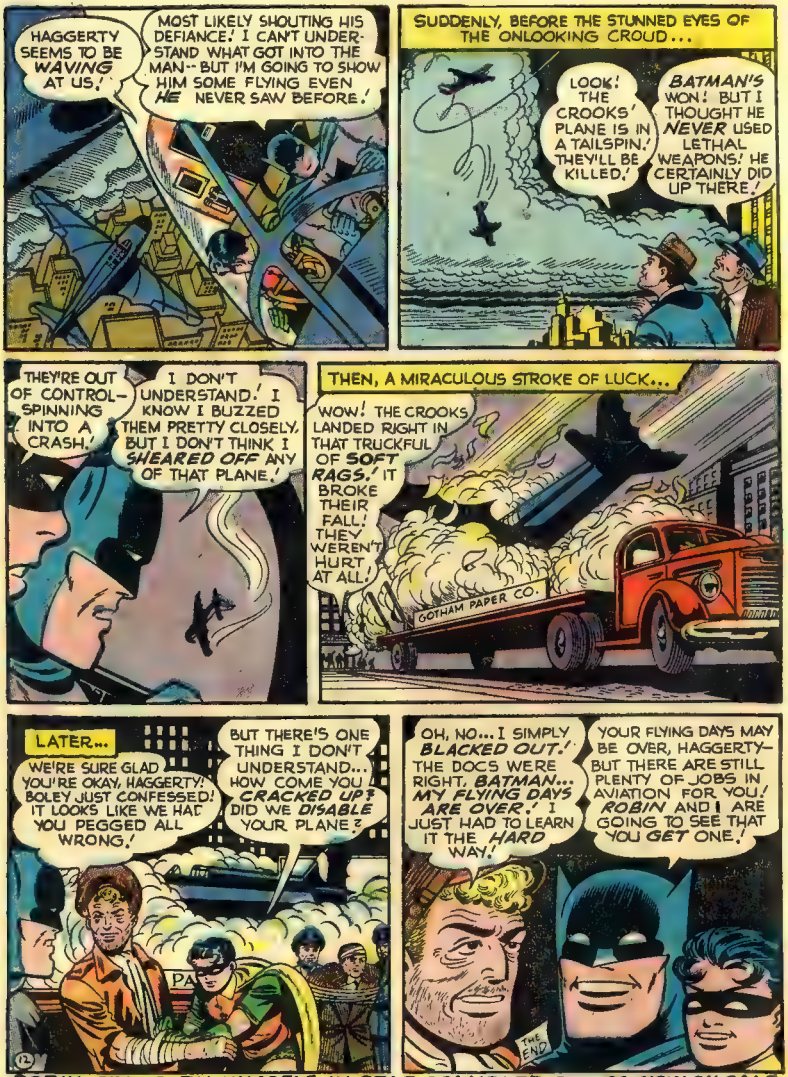

BUT IN THE SKIES OVER GOTHAM CITY, AS THE TWO BATPLANES MEET...
WE'VE GOT THEM BOTH, ROBIN--BOLEY AND HAGGERTY! LET'S JUST RUN THEM RAGGED, UNTIL WE CAN FORCE THEM DOWN ON AN OPEN FIELD!
BATMAN! BATMAN! DON'T--I'M A FRIEND... A FRIEND!

I CAN'T SET THIS PLANE DOWN HERE--AND I CAN'T BAIL OUT WITH BULL TIED UP BESIDE ME... THAT WOULD BE MURDER!
BOY--WATCH BATMAN FLY RINGS AROUND THOSE CROOKS! AND REMEMBER--BATMAN USES NO LETHAL WEAPONS!


HAGGERTY SEEMS TO BE WAVING AT US!
MOST LIKELY SHOUTING HIS DEFIANCE! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT GOT INTO THE MAN-- BUT I'M GOING TO SHOW HIM SOME FLYING EVEN HE NEVER SAW BEFORE!
SUDDENLY, BEFORE THE STUNNED EYES OF THE ONLOOKING CROUD...
LOOK! THE CROOKS' PLANE IS IN A TAILSPIN! THEY'LL BE KILLED!
BATMAN'S WON! BUT I THOUGHT HE NEVER USED LETHAL WEAPONS! HE CERTAINLY DID UP THERE!
THEY'RE OUT OF CONTROL-- SPINNING INTO A CRASH!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! I KNOW I BUZZED THEM PRETTY CLOSELY, BUT I DON'T THINK I SHEARED OFF ANY OF THAT PLANE!
THEN, A MIRACULOUS STROKE OF LUCK...
WOW! THE CROOKS LANDED RIGHT IN THAT TRUCKFUL OF SOFT RAGS! IT BROKE THEIR FALL! THEY WEREN'T HURT AT ALL!
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LATER...
WE'RE SURE GLAD YOU'RE OKAY, HAGGERTY! BOLEY JUST CONFESSED! IT LOOKS LIKE WE HAD YOU PEGGED ALL WRONG!
BUT THERE'S ONE THING I DON'T UNDERSTAND... HOW COME YOU CRACKED UP? DID WE DISABLE YOUR PLANE?
OH, NO... I SIMPLY BLACKED OUT! THE DOCS WERE RIGHT, BATMAN... MY FLYING DAYS ARE OVER! I JUST HAD TO LEARN IT THE HARD WAY!
YOUR FLYING DAYS MAY BE OVER, HAGGERTY-- BUT THERE ARE STILL PLENTY OF JOBS IN AVIATION FOR YOU! ROBIN AND I ARE GOING TO SEE THAT YOU GET ONE!
THE END
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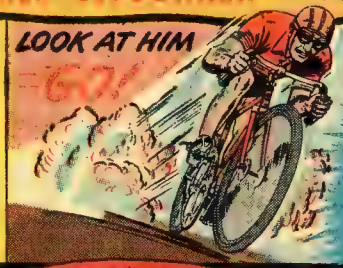

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ONCE AGAIN, THE *PENGUIN*, THAT DROLL LITTLE CROOK WHO USES *UMBRELLAS* AND *BIRDS* FOR CRIME, RETURNS FOR A NEW DUEL OF WITS WITH *BATMAN AND ROBIN!* ONLY THIS TIME, INSTEAD OF OUR FEATHERED FRIENDS, HIS PARTNERS IN CRIME ARE *PEOPLE*... FAMOUS *WINGED* PEOPLE OF HISTORY AND LEGEND! HOW DO ICARUS, MERCURY, CUPID AND EVEN CINDERELLA'S FAIRY GODMOTHER FIGURE IN THE BIRDLIKE BANDIT'S LATEST PLOT? READ ON, AND SEE FOR YOURSELF, AS *BATMAN* TRIES TO SOLVE...

"The MYSTERY of the WINGED PEOPLE!"

BOB KANE

ICARUS

ATOP A STEEP CLIFF, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF GOTHAM CITY, STANDS SUMMIT PENITENTIARY--ESCAPE-PROOF BECAUSE OF ITS NATURAL BARRIER!
ONE PEEVED INMATE IS THAT OILY BIRD OF CRIME-- THE PENGUIN!
HOW'S IT LIKE TO BE CAGED, BIRD MAN? HA, HA.!
AW, HE'S JUST GIVIN' HIS WINGS A REST-- AIN'T YOU, PENGUIN?
SCOFF IF YOU WILL, YOU FOOLS... BUT HUMANS WITH WINGS ARE FAMOUS! TAKE THE STATUE OF WINGED VICTORY... AND SWIFT MERCURY, WHO HAD WINGS ON HIS ANKLES.!
TOO BAD YOU CAN'T GET ONE O' YOUR WINGED PALS TO FLY YOU OFF THIS ROCK, EH, BIRD-BRAIN?
AH, YOU LAUGH-- BUT THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I PLAN TO DO!
HUH? YOU MUST'VE GONE STIR-CRAZY, PENGUIN!
AND ONE DAY, ABOUT A WEEK LATER...
HEY, IT'S THE PENGUIN... AND... AND HE'S GOING TO JUMP! NO, NO, PENGUIN.. STOP-- YOU'LL KILL YOURSELF!
BUT AS HE LEAPS, THE PENGUIN RELEASES A CATCH ON HIS SHOULDER, AND--
HA, HA... THANKS TO THE WORKSHOP, I WAS ABLE TO CONSTRUCT THIS BEAUTIFUL PAIR OF WINGS!
CLICK!
FAMED ICARUS-- OF GREEK LEGEND--WAS THE FIRST TO FLY WITH MAN-MADE WINGS! NOW, CENTURIES LATER, I--THE PENGUIN-- DUPLICATE HIS FEAT, AS I GLIDE INTO A NEW LIFE OF CRIME!
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LATER, WHEN THE JAUNTY PENGUIN REACHES HIS BIZARRE HIDEAWAY...
GREETINGS, PAL PELICAN! AH, SING JOYOUSLY, LITTLE NIGHTINGALE--YOUR MASTER IS HOME!
AND IN ANOTHER ROOM...
THE WORLD LAUGHS AT ME FOR MY BIRDLIKE WAYS... BUT A WINGED PERSON WAS THE INSPIRATION FOR MY ESCAPE! NOW, OTHER WINGED PEOPLE WILL BE THE INSPIRATION--FOR MY CRIMES!
AFTERWARD, AT THE HOME OF SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...
LOOK, DICK... THE BAT-SIGNAL! THAT MEANS ACTIVE DUTY FOR BATMAN AND ROBIN!
LET'S GO, BRUCE!
SWITCHING TO THEIR FAMED COLORFUL COSTUMES, BRUCE AND DICK SOON PLUMMET TO THE ROOF OF POLICE HEADQUARTERS AS BATMAN AND ROBIN...
HELLO, COMMISSIONER! WHY HAVE YOU SENT FOR US?
WHAT? DON'T TELL ME THE PENGUIN'S ESCAPED AGAIN!
WE FOUND THIS PACKAGE ON THE STEPS! IT'S FROM THE PENGUIN--ADDRESSED TO YOU, BATMAN!
FOR BATMAN
WHEN BATMAN OPENS THE PACKAGE...
I DON'T GET IT... SMALL STATUETTES... LIKE CHESS PIECES! NOTICE, ALL OF THEM ARE WINGED! THERE'S MERCURY, CUPID, CINDERELLA'S FAIRY GODMOTHER, ICARUS... AND ALL OF THEM ARE NUMBERED!
ICARUS
CINDERELLA'S FAIRY GODMOTHER
AND A NOTE READS...
Greetings, Batman: I challenge you to a game of "chess" with these pieces! I've already made my first move, with Icarus... My second move will be with the Fairy Godmother! Can you block that move and checkmate my Winged People Crimes? Start thinking...
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LATER, BACK AT THE WAYNE MANSION...
BUT, BATMAN ...THIS LAST FIGURE HAS NO WINGS! AND INSTEAD OF A NAME AND FEATURES, IT HAS A QUESTION MARK ON A BLANK FACE!
STRANGE! HOW CAN SOMEONE WITHOUT WINGS BELONG IN THE WINGED PEOPLE CRIMES?
IT'S QUITE A MYSTERY... BUT RIGHT NOW, OUR PROBLEM IS TO OUT-THINK THE PENGUIN ON HIS NEXT MOVE WITH THIS WINGED PERSON!
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CINDERELLA'S FAIRY GODMOTHER
AT THAT MOMENT, ON A POPULAR TELEVISION "GIVEAWAY" SHOW...
SUSAN HOGARTH, TYPIST, I, THE PROGRAM'S "FAIRY GODMOTHER" CHOOSE YOU AS "CINDERELLA FOR A NIGHT"! I WAVE MY "MAGIC WAND" AND BEHOLD... YOU SHALL BE GARBED IN FINERY!
OH... AN ERMINE WRAP, AN EVENING GOWN, JEWELS ...OH- MY...
LATER, AS PART OF HER PRIZE, "CINDERELLA" IS ESCORTED TO A NIGHT CLUB, AND AFTERWARD...
IT'S MIDNIGHT, MY DEAR--TIME TO LEAVE THE PARTY! HERE IS YOUR DRIVER AND PUMPKIN COACH AWAITING YOUR COMMAND!
The GLASS SLIPPER
OH, IT'S BEEN LIKE A FAIRY TALE COME TRUE!
SUDDENLY...
EEEK! WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING? I'M FLYING... CAN'T STOP MYSELF!
THEN, IN THE CONFUSION, AS THE "FAIRY" DANGLES HELPLESSLY...
HA, HA! AT EXACTLY MIDNIGHT THE STORYBOOK CINDERELLA'S FINERY DISAPPEARED... AND, SO MUST YOURS!
SLIPPER
HELP... GET ME DOWN... HELP!
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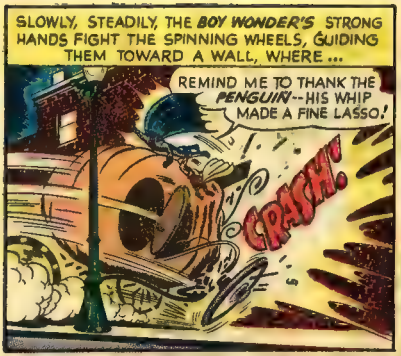
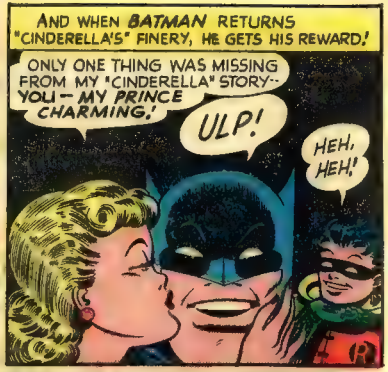
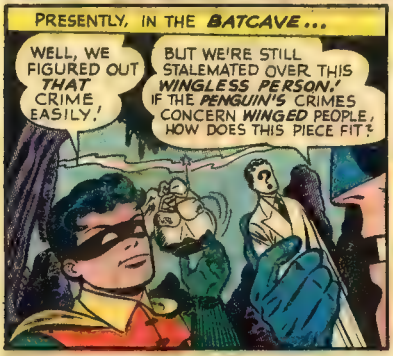
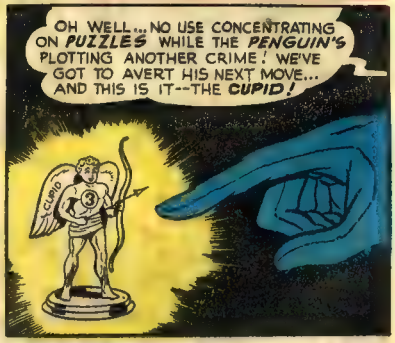
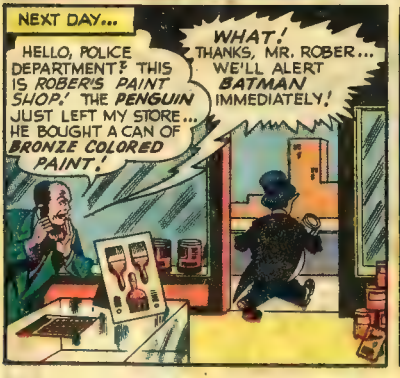
BUT AS THE PENGUIN DRIVES OFF...
THOSE METAL WINGS CERTAINLY "FLEW" RIGHT UP TO THE ELECTRO-MAGNET I RIGGED INSIDE THAT NEON SIGN! HA, HA! GIDDYAP, PEGASUS!
THERE HE GOES, ROBIN! QUICK... AFTER HIM!
"CINDERELLA" AND "FAIRY GOD-MOTHER"—AN EASY CLUE TO TRACK DOWN, PUDGY!
BAH! NOW, I'LL HAVE TO LEAVE MY BAG OF LOOT BEHIND... I'LL NEED BOTH HANDS FOR MY ESCAPE!
AT A ROCKET-LIKE CLIP, THE RUNAWAY COACH WITH ITS CLINGING PASSENGERS HURTLES DOWN THE STEEP STREET!
SHALL WE JUMP?
NO... NOT UNTIL WE MAKE SURE THE COACH DOESN'T RUN INTO A CAR OR PEDESTRIAN!
THE PENGUIN LEAPS—AND FROM HIS TRICK UMBRELLA, A SHARP BLADE FLASHES DOWN ONCE... TWICE... AND...
HE'S CUT THE TRACES!
NOW, PEGASUS—LET'S FLY!
AS THE SWAYING COACH CATAPULTS WILDLY, ROBIN ARCHES HIS AGILE BODY AND HANGS, HEAD DOWN...
CAN YOU REACH THE STEERING BOARD NOW?
GOT IT! BUT THIS ISN'T GOING TO BE EASY!

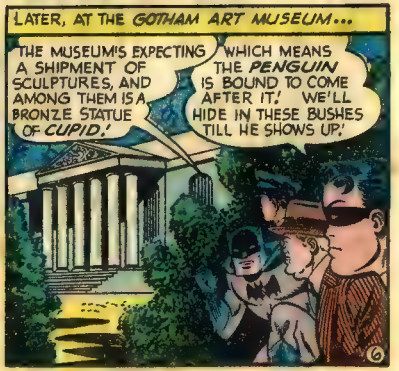

SLOWLY, STEADILY, THE BOY WONDER'S STRONG HANDS FIGHT THE SPINNING WHEELS, GUIDING THEM TOWARD A WALL, WHERE...
REMIND ME TO THANK THE PENGUIN--HIS WHIP MADE A FINE LASSO!
CRASH!

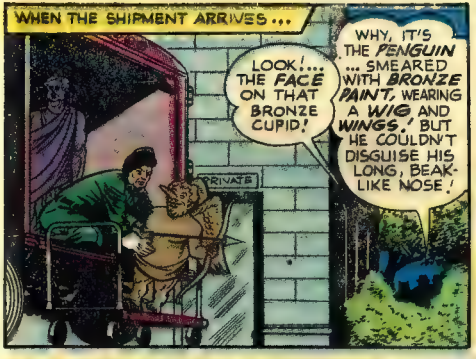

AND WHEN BATMAN RETURNS "CINDERELLA'S" FINERY, HE GETS HIS REWARD!
ONLY ONE THING WAS MISSING FROM MY "CINDERELLA" STORY-- YOU!-- MY PRINCE CHARMING!
ULP!
HEH, HEH!


PRESENTLY, IN THE BATCAVE...
WELL, WE FIGURED OUT THAT CRIME EASILY!
BUT WE'RE STILL STALEMATED OVER THIS WINGLESS PERSON! IF THE PENGUIN'S CRIMES CONCERN WINGED PEOPLE, HOW DOES THIS PIECE FIT?


OH WELL... NO USE CONCENTRATING ON PUZZLES WHILE THE PENGUIN'S PLOTTING ANOTHER CRIME! WE'VE GOT TO AVERT HIS NEXT MOVE... AND THIS IS IT--THE CUPID!
CUPID


NEXT DAY...
HELLO, POLICE DEPARTMENT? THIS IS ROBER'S PAINT SHOP! THE PENGUIN JUST LEFT MY STORE... HE BOUGHT A CAN OF BRONZE COLORED PAINT!
WHAT! THANKS, MR. ROBER... WE'LL ALERT BATMAN IMMEDIATELY!


LATER, AT THE GOTHAM ART MUSEUM...
THE MUSEUM'S EXPECTING A SHIPMENT OF SCULPTURES, AND AMONG THEM IS A BRONZE STATUE OF CUPID!
WHICH MEANS THE PENGUIN IS BOUND TO COME AFTER IT! WE'LL HIDE IN THESE BUSHES TILL HE SHOWS UP!


WHEN THE SHIPMENT ARRIVES...
LOOK!... THE FACE ON THAT BRONZE CUPID!
WHY, IT'S THE PENGUIN ... SMEARED WITH BRONZE PAINT, WEARING A WIG AND WINGS,' BUT HE COULDN'T DISGUISE HIS LONG, BEAK-LIKE NOSE!
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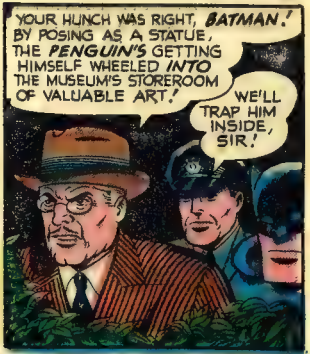
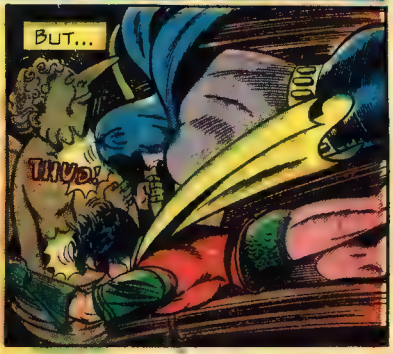

YOUR HUNCH WAS RIGHT, BATMAN.' BY POSING AS A STATUE, THE PENGUIN'S GETTING HIMSELF WHEELED INTO THE MUSEUM'S STOREROOM OF VALUABLE ART.'
WE'LL TRAP HIM INSIDE, SIR!

AS THE SHIPMENT REACHES THE STOREROOM, A SIGNAL IS GIVEN, THEN...
GET HIM.'


BUT...
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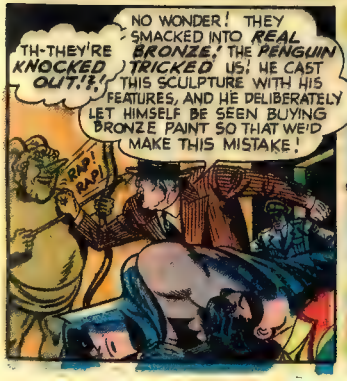
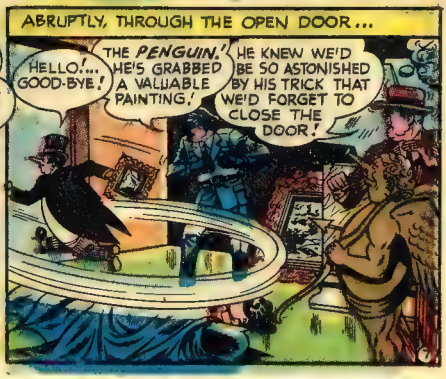
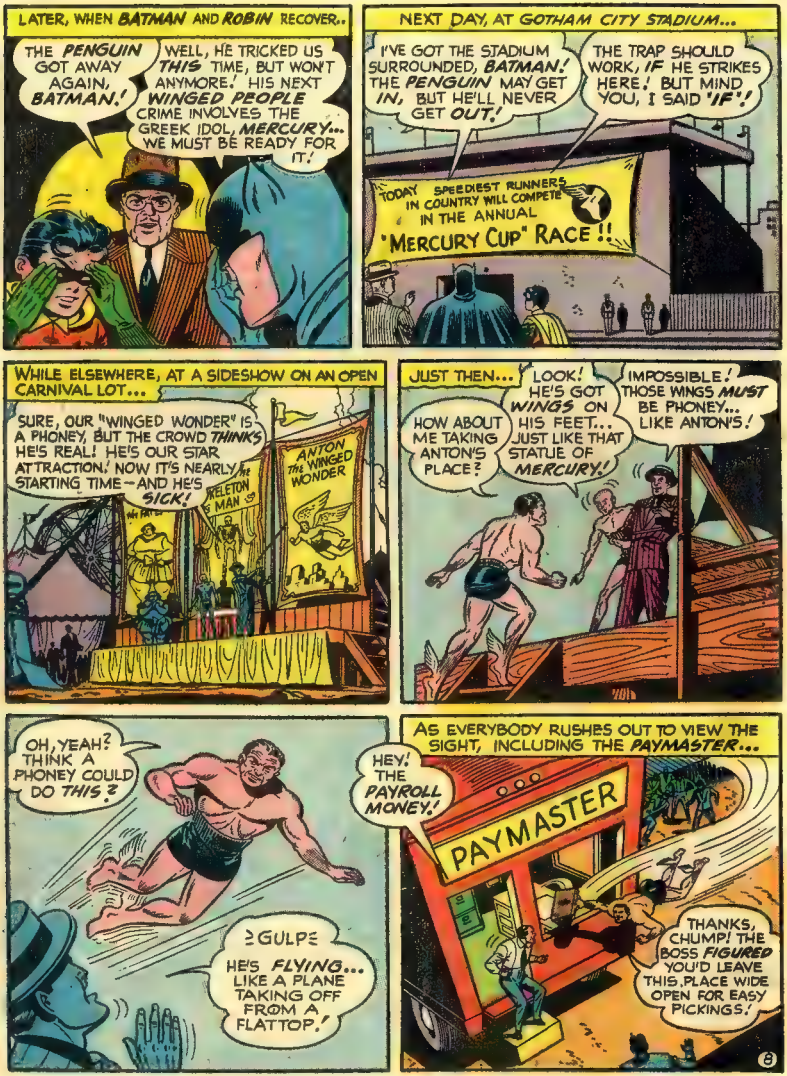

NO WONDER! THEY SMACKED INTO REAL BRONZE,' THE PENGUIN TRICKED US; HE CAST THIS SCULPTURE WITH HIS FEATURES, AND HE DELIBERATELY LET HIMSELF BE SEEN BUYING BRONZE PAINT SO THAT WE'D MAKE THIS MISTAKE!
TH-THEY'RE KNOCKED OUT.!,'
RAP! RAP!


ABRUPTLY, THROUGH THE OPEN DOOR...
HELLO!... GOOD-BYE!'
THE PENGUIN,' HE'S GRABBED A VALUABLE PAINTING,'
HE KNEW WE'D BE SO ASTONISHED BY HIS TRICK THAT WE'D FORGET TO CLOSE THE DOOR!


LATER, WHEN BATMAN AND ROBIN RECOVER..
THE PENGUIN GOT AWAY AGAIN, BATMAN!
WELL, HE TRICKED US THIS TIME, BUT WON'T ANYMORE! HIS NEXT WINGED PEOPLE CRIME INVOLVES THE GREEK IDOL, MERCURY... WE MUST BE READY FOR IT!
NEXT DAY, AT GOTHAM CITY STADIUM...
I'VE GOT THE STADIUM SURROUNDED, BATMAN! THE PENGUIN MAY GET IN, BUT HE'LL NEVER GET OUT!
THE TRAP SHOULD WORK, IF HE STRIKES HERE! BUT MIND YOU, I SAID 'IF'!
TODAY SPEEDIEST RUNNERS IN COUNTRY WILL COMPETE IN THE ANNUAL "MERCURY CUP" RACE !!
WHILE ELSEWHERE, AT A SIDESHOW ON AN OPEN CARNIVAL LOT...
SURE, OUR "WINGED WONDER" IS A PHONEY, BUT THE CROWD THINKS HE'S REAL! HE'S OUR STAR ATTRACTION! NOW IT'S NEARLY STARTING TIME—AND HE'S SICK!
SKELETON MAN
ANTON the WINGED WONDER
JUST THEN...
HOW ABOUT ME TAKING ANTON'S PLACE?
LOOK! HE'S GOT WINGS ON HIS FEET... JUST LIKE THAT STATUE OF MERCURY!
IMPOSSIBLE! THOSE WINGS MUST BE PHONEY... LIKE ANTON'S!
OH, YEAH? THINK A PHONEY COULD DO THIS?
GULPE
HE'S FLYING... LIKE A PLANE TAKING OFF FROM A FLATTOP!
HEY! THE PAYROLL MONEY!
AS EVERYBODY RUSHES OUT TO VIEW THE SIGHT, INCLUDING THE PAYMASTER...
PAYMASTER
THANKS, CHUMP! THE BOSS FIGURED YOU'D LEAVE THIS PLACE WIDE OPEN FOR EASY PICKINGS!
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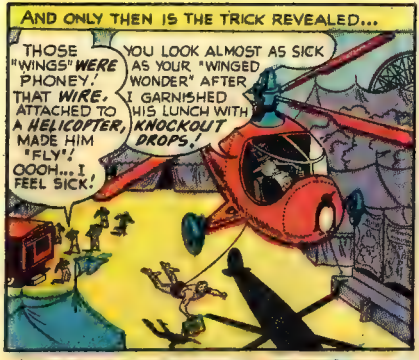
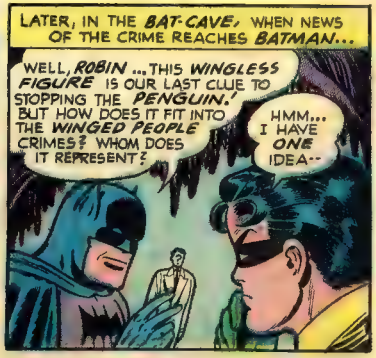
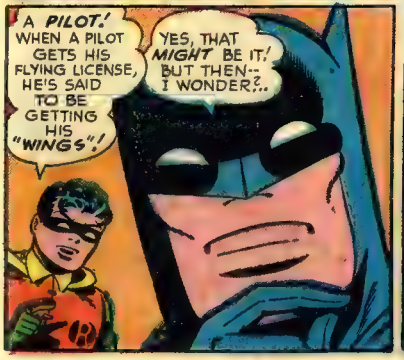
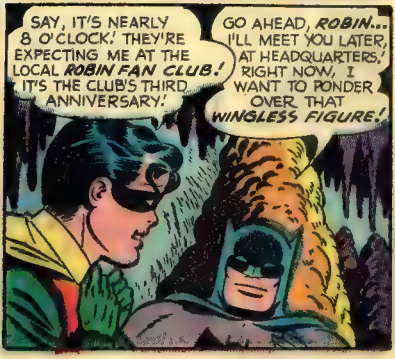
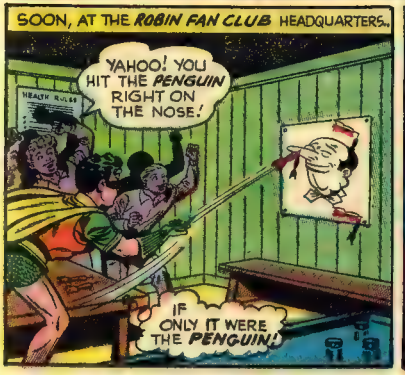
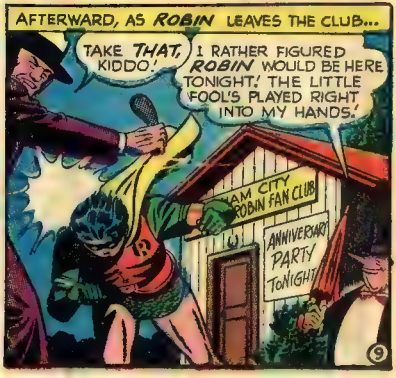

AND ONLY THEN IS THE TRICK REVEALED...
THOSE "WINGS" WERE PHONEY! THAT WIRE, ATTACHED TO A HELICOPTER, MADE HIM "FLY"! OOOH... I FEEL SICK!
YOU LOOK ALMOST AS SICK AS YOUR "WINGED WONDER" AFTER I GARNISHED HIS LUNCH WITH KNOCKOUT DROPS!


LATER, IN THE BAT-CAVE, WHEN NEWS OF THE CRIME REACHES BATMAN...
WELL, ROBIN ... THIS WINGLESS FIGURE IS OUR LAST CLUE TO STOPPING THE PENGUIN! BUT HOW DOES IT FIT INTO THE WINGED PEOPLE CRIMES? WHOM DOES IT REPRESENT?
HMM... I HAVE ONE IDEA--


A PILOT! WHEN A PILOT GETS HIS FLYING LICENSE, HE'S SAID TO BE GETTING HIS "WINGS"!
YES, THAT MIGHT BE IT! BUT THEN-- I WONDER?..


SAY, IT'S NEARLY 8 O'CLOCK! THEY'RE EXPECTING ME AT THE LOCAL ROBIN FAN CLUB! IT'S THE CLUB'S THIRD ANNIVERSARY!
GO AHEAD, ROBIN... I'LL MEET YOU LATER, AT HEADQUARTERS. RIGHT NOW, I WANT TO PONDER OVER THAT WINGLESS FIGURE!


SOON, AT THE ROBIN FAN CLUB HEADQUARTERS...
YAHOO! YOU HIT THE PENGUIN RIGHT ON THE NOSE!
IF ONLY IT WERE THE PENGUIN!


AFTERWARD, AS ROBIN LEAVES THE CLUB...
TAKE THAT, KIDDO!
I RATHER FIGURED ROBIN WOULD BE HERE TONIGHT. THE LITTLE FOOL'S PLAYED RIGHT INTO MY HANDS.
ANNIVERSARY PARTY TONIGHT

LATER, AS BATMAN APPROACHES POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
THE PENGUIN WANTS TO SEE YOU, BATMAN! HE'S GOT THE KID WHO OWNS THIS!
ROBIN'S SHOE! OKAY, I'LL GO WITH YOU -- BUT IF YOU'VE HURT THAT BOY...!
PRESENTLY, AT THE PENGUIN'S HIDEOUT...
BETTER RELEASE ROBIN, PENGUIN, OR I'LL... WAIT...THAT SOUND FROM THE NEXT ROOM... IT SOUNDS LIKE THE ROARING OF A LION!
CORRECT... IT IS A LION!
RR-ROAR
RR-ROAR
YES... A VERY SAVAGE, ANGRY LION! SEE HOW IT SHAKES THE WALL? HEAR ITS ROARING... THE THUMPING OF ITS TAIL? IF I PULL THIS SWITCH, THE WALL PROTECTING ROBIN FROM THE LION WILL SLIDE UP, AND THEN -- POOR ROBIN!
BUMP-BUMP-BUMP BUMP-BUMP! RR-ROAR-RR
AS FOR YOU, BATMAN, I COULD SHOOT YOU BUT THAT WOULD BE TOO QUICK! I'D RATHER GIVE YOU THE SLOW, MENTAL TORTURE OF KILLING BATMAN'S CAREER BY EXPOSING YOUR SECRET IDENTITY! YOU HAVE A CHOICE -- UNMASK... OR ROBIN DIES!
YOU KNOW I HAVE NO CHOICE, YOU FIEND! I MUST UNMASK!
WELL, DON'T TAKE SO LONG... HURRY ... I WANT TO SEE YOUR FACE!
SLOWLY, BATMAN MOVES HIS HANDS UP TO HIS COWL AND GRADUALLY PUSHES IT BACK TO REVEAL -- HIS TRUE IDENTITY!
BRUCE WAYNE!! SO YOU'RE BATMAN!
THE SOCIETY GUY!
AT LAST IT'S HAPPENED! MEN OF CRIME HAVE FINALLY SOLVED THE SECRET OF THE BATMAN! DOES THIS MEAN THE END OF A LONG AND VALIANT CAREER?

EGAD! VICTORY IS MINE! BY UNMASKING YOU, I'VE MADE MY FINAL MOVE IN MY WINGED PEOPLE CRIMES! NOW I CAN EXPLAIN THE MEANING OF THE WINGLESS FIGURE...
DON'T BOTHER, PENGUIN... I'VE KNOWN ABOUT IT SINCE 8 O'CLOCK!
YOU... KNEW?
CERTAINLY! I REALIZED THE FIGURE'S BLANK FACE AND QUESTION MARK MEANT YOU DIDN'T KNOW THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON IT REPRESENTED! AND THERE'S ONLY ONE WINGED PERSON WITH A SECRET IDENTITY — BATMAN, WHO WEARS A BAT-WINGED CAPE!
VERY CLEVER, MY FRIEND... BUT WAIT!.. IF YOU KNEW ABOUT THE FIGURE, THEN YOU ALSO MUST'VE KNOWN MY LAST CRIME WOULD BE TO EXPOSE YOUR IDENTITY! WHY WOULD YOU DELIBERATELY LET YOURSELF INTO THIS TRAP?
HIS SUSPICION AROUSED, THE PENGUIN TOUCHES HIS FINGERS TO THE LAWMAN'S FACE, ONLY TO DISCOVER...
MAKE-UP GREASE! WHEN YOU GUESSED MY PLAN, YOU DISGUISED YOURSELF AS BRUCE WAYNE! YOU'RE NOT REALLY BRUCE WAYNE ... BUT SOMEONE ELSE!
RIGHT, PENGUIN...
...AND NOW, I'M GOING TO DISGUISE YOUR FACE -- WITH MY FISTS!
BUT YOU FORGET, BATMAN... ROBIN IS STILL IN DANGER! SEE? I'M PULLING DOWN THE SWITCH... TO RELEASE THE LION!!
R-R-ROAR
ARE YOU CRAZY, BATMAN?! ROBIN WILL BE KILLED BY THAT LION! DON'T GO AFTER ME! SAVE ROBIN!
LATER, PENGUIN! I'D RATHER SAVE YOU FIRST FOR THE STATE PEN!
R-R-ROAR
WHAT'S THIS? IS BATMAN DELIBERATELY SACRIFICING ROBIN'S LIFE, JUST BECAUSE HE HAS A SCORE TO SETTLE WITH THE PENGUIN?

DARTING AT THE STATUE OF *WINGED VICTORY*, *BATMAN* SENDS IT ROLLING ON ITS OILED CASTORS...

THE *WINGED PEOPLE CRIMES* ARE FINISHED--WITH *A WINGED VICTORY* FOR *BATMAN!* NOW, I'LL FREE *ROBIN.*

ROBIN! YES... AND STILL ALIVE! BUT INSTEAD OF A ROARING LION...

JUST AS I FIGURED... AN *OSTRICH!* IT'S NOT A COMMONLY KNOWN FACT... BUT AN ANGRY OSTRICH BELLOWS JUST LIKE A LION! KNOWING THE *PENGUIN* AS I DO, I WAS *SURE* HE'D USE A *BIRD* ANYTIME INSTEAD OF AN *ANIMAL!* AFTER ALL, THAT'S WHY HE'S CALLED THE *PENGUIN!*

ROARRR

BUMP BUMP

LATER, IN THE *BATCAVE*...

YOU SEE, I REALLY DID FIGURE OUT THE MEANING OF THAT *WINGLESS FIGURE*, AND I WAS ON MY WAY TO TELL YOU ABOUT IT AT HEADQUARTERS! BUT *PENGUIN'S* THUG GOT TO ME FIRST.

"IMMEDIATELY, I REALIZED THE *PENGUIN'S* PLAN -- SO WHILE DRIVING IN THIS THUG'S CAR, I MANAGED TO SNEAK MY *MAKE-UP VIAL* FROM MY UTILITY BELT..."

I'LL JUST SMEAR SOME OF THIS *FLESH-COLORED GREASE* ON MY HANDS!

LATER, WHEN I HAD TO REMOVE MY COWL, I BROUGHT MY HANDS UP IN SUCH A WAY THAT I WAS ABLE TO SMEAR MY FACE AT THE SAME TIME.

NOW I GET IT.' WHEN THE *PENGUIN* TOUCHED YOUR FACE AND RUBBED OFF SOME MAKE-UP GREASE, HE THOUGHT YOU *REALLY WERE* MADE UP!

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MEANWHILE, IN A NEARBY JAIL...

YES, *BATMAN* OUTSMARTED ME AGAIN.' ALL I'VE LEARNED ABOUT HIM IS THAT HE'S *NOT* BRUCE WAYNE.' HMM... I WONDER WHO HE *REALLY* IS?

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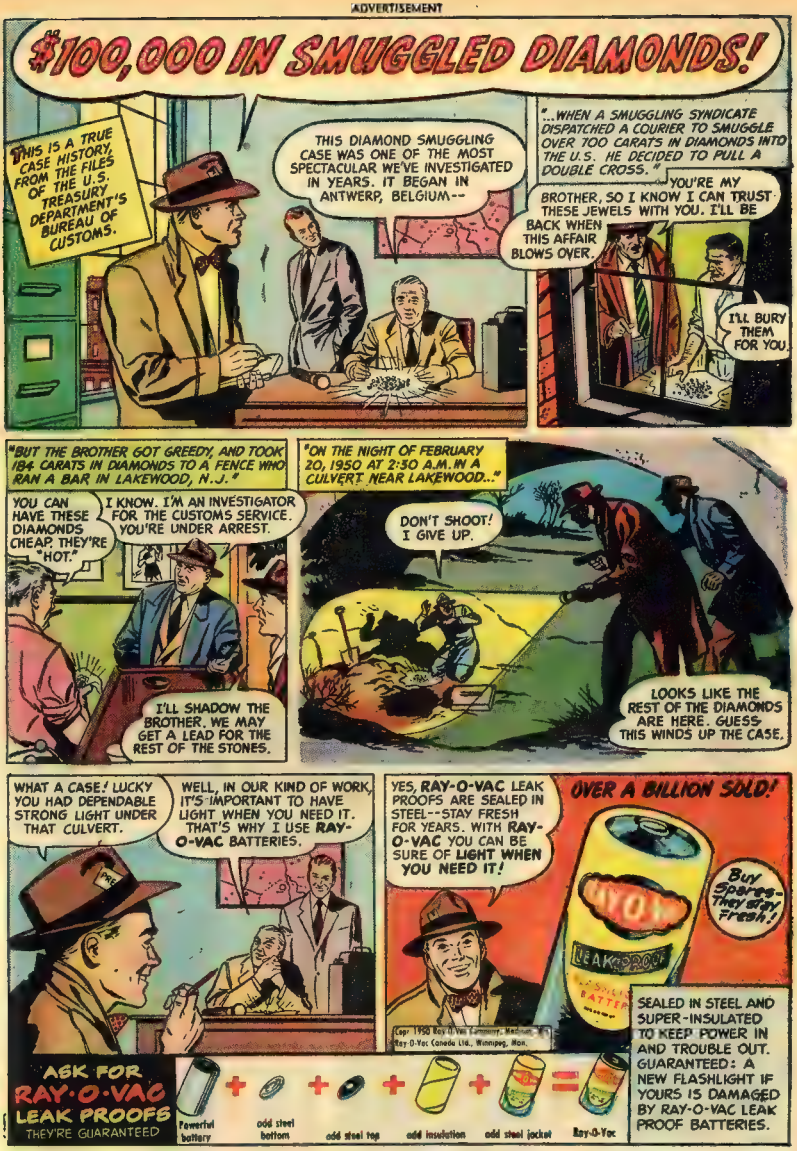
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"...WHEN A SMUGGLING SYNDICATE DISPATCHED A COURIER TO SMUGGLE OVER 700 CARATS IN DIAMONDS INTO THE U.S. HE DECIDED TO PULL A DOUBLE CROSS."
YOU'RE MY BROTHER, SO I KNOW I CAN TRUST THESE JEWELS WITH YOU. I'LL BE BACK WHEN THIS AFFAIR BLOWS OVER.
I'LL BURY THEM FOR YOU.
"BUT THE BROTHER GOT GREEDY, AND TOOK 184 CARATS IN DIAMONDS TO A FENCE WHO RAN A BAR IN LAKEWOOD, N.J."
YOU CAN HAVE THESE DIAMONDS CHEAP. THEY'RE "HOT."
I KNOW. I'M AN INVESTIGATOR FOR THE CUSTOMS SERVICE. YOU'RE UNDER ARREST.
I'LL SHADOW THE BROTHER. WE MAY GET A LEAD FOR THE REST OF THE STONES.
"ON THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 20, 1950 AT 2:30 A.M. IN A CULVERT NEAR LAKEWOOD..."
DON'T SHOOT! I GIVE UP.
LOOKS LIKE THE REST OF THE DIAMONDS ARE HERE. GUESS THIS WINDS UP THE CASE.
WHAT A CASE! LUCKY YOU HAD DEPENDABLE STRONG LIGHT UNDER THAT CULVERT.
WELL, IN OUR KIND OF WORK, IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE LIGHT WHEN YOU NEED IT. THAT'S WHY I USE RAY-O-VAC BATTERIES.
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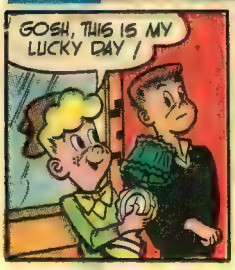
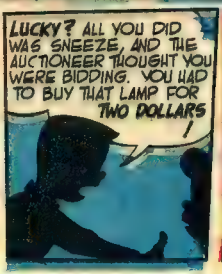
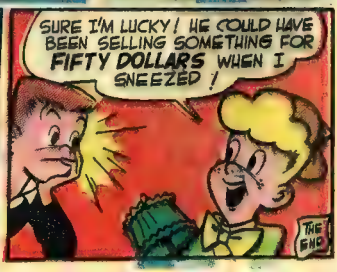


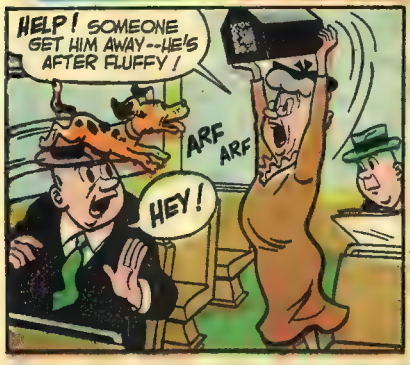


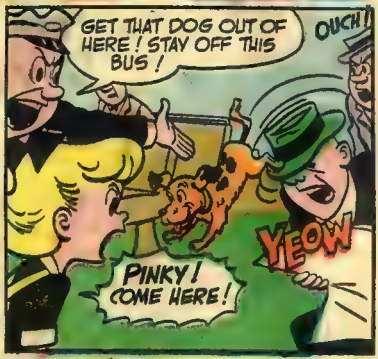


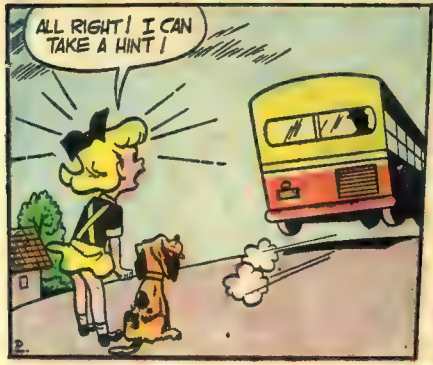
BEBE
BUT, MOMMY--
NO BUTS - YOU TAKE THE BUS TO SCHOOL. I DON'T WANT YOU WALKING - IT LOOKS LIKE RAIN!
C'MON, PINKY - YOU HEARD WHAT MOMMY SAID!
SOME FUN RIDING! NO SHORT CUTS THROUGH THE LOTS, NO FENCES TO CLIMB - BAH!
BUS STOP
WHERE ARE YOU GOING WITH THAT DOG?
TO SCHOOL! PINKY ALWAYS WAITS OUTSIDE FOR ME!
NOT ON THIS BUS!

YOU CAN'T BRING AN ANIMAL ON HERE UNLESS HE'S IN A CAGE OR BOX!
MEOW

HELP
GRR


HELP! SOMEONE GET HIM AWAY--HE'S AFTER FLUFFY!
ARF ARF
HEY!


GET THAT DOG OUT OF HERE! STAY OFF THIS BUS!
OUCH!
YEOW
PINKY! COME HERE!


ALL RIGHT! I CAN TAKE A HINT!

LATER...
MOMMY, I LIKE THE BUS! PINKY AND I HAD LOTS OF FUN!
THE END

Q. What signer of the Declaration of Independence was identified with American Railway history?

A. On July 4, 1828, Charles Carroll, 91 years of age, the only living signer of the Declaration of Independence, participated in the historic ceremony of the laying of the first stone in the construction of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at Baltimore, Md. The Revolutionary patriot delivered a speech on that occasion in which he said: "I consider this among the most important acts of my life; second only to my signing the Declaration of Independence. . . ."

Q. What was the origin of the cowcatcher?

A. This strictly American feature was the invention of Isaac Dripps, a young mechanical engineer employed by the Camden & Amboy Railroad in New Jersey in the early 1830's. So many cows trespassed on the railroad that Dripps decided to install on the front end of the locomotive a small truck suporting two iron spears. The Dripps device was effective, but it was fatal to cows. To avoid damage suits, he substituted a crosswise bar much like the present-day bumper on an automobile, and from this came the present V-shaped cowcatcher.

Q. What is the story of the headlight?

A. In the early days of railroading, trains ran only in daylight hours, and headlights were unknown. As the railroads developed, however, night operations became increasingly necessary, and inventive minds went to work to devise ways of illuminating the track ahead. The first crude step was taken under the direction of Horatio Allen, then chief engineer of the South Carolina Railroad. He attached a small flatcar to the front of the locomotive, and covered the floor of the car with a heavy layer of sand on which he kept a bonfire of pine knots!

In other instances, large candles protected by glass cases, fitted with reflectors, were used. Whale oil was extensively used in the 1840's and 1850's. In 1859, kerosene lamps took the place of candles and whale oil lamps. Then came gas lights, fed from storage tanks, and finally, in 1881, electricity.

Recent developments include the figure-eight oscillating headlight, first used on the Chicago & North Western in 1936. This was followed in 1944 by an oscillating headlight that would flash either a red or a white light, whichever the engineer desired for safety purposes. In June, 1946, powerful sealed-beam headlights were first applied to locomotives of the New York Central Railroad.

Q. What was the most famous locomotive of the Civil War?

A. This distinction belongs to the locomo-

tive "General" of the Western & Atlantic Railroad (now the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis). The locomotive was captured April 12, 1862, by Captain James J. Andrews and his Yankee raiders and was pursued and recaptured by the Confederates under Captain W. A. Fuller after a thrilling chase of nearly 100 miles on the line between Atlanta and Chattanooga.

Q. What part did buffaloes play in Western railway history?

A. The famous Western scout and Indian fighter, William F. Cody, earned the picturesque nickname of "Buffalo Bill" as a result of his contract to supply buffalo meat in 1867-1868 to the construction forces engaged in building the Kansas Pacific (now part of the Union Pacific Railroad). They needed 12 buffaloes a day, and he took the job of supplying them for $500 a month.

Trains crossing the Western plains in pioneer days were frequently delayed by "thundering herds of buffaloes." In October, 1872, P. T. Barnum, traveling to Denver over the Kansas-Pacific with two friends, reported "seeing many thousands of wild buffalo. Our train sometimes had to stop to let them pass."

Q. When were the first circus-owned trains operated in this country?

A. While records indicate that circus travel by rail began as early as December, 1838, with Bacon & Derious' circus, it was not until 1873 that a large circus moved from town to town in trains of its own cars. This was P. T. Barnum's three-ring circus, "Museum, Menagerie, and Hippodrome." More than 60 cars were built to transport the circus, including platform cars, "palace horse cars," and sleeping cars.

Q. What Presidents of the United States worked for the railroads in their earlier days?

A. *James Buchanan* was president of the Harrisburg, Portsmouth, Mount Joy & Lancaster Railroad in Pennsylvania in the 1830's. This railroad is now a part of the main line of the Pennsylvania.

Abraham Lincoln was an attorney for the Illinois Central and Rock Island railroads in Illinois during the 1850's.

Harry S. Truman was a timekeeper during the construction of the Santa Fe Railway about 1901.

Q. Who was Casey Jones?

A. The hero of the song "Casey Jones" was a popular locomotive engineer employed in the 1890's on the Mississipi Division of the Illinois Central Railroad. His real name was John Luther Jones but, to distinguish him from other men named Jones who worked on the railroad, his friends nicknamed him "Casey" because he hailed from Cayce, Kentucky.

"Casey" Jones was a strapping young man, black-haired, gray-eyed, 6 feet 4 inches tall, one of four brothers and every one a crack engineer.

The famous ballad "Casey Jones" originated by Wallace Saunders, an engine-wiper of Jackson, Tenn., who knew and loved the dashing engineer. Following the news of Casey's heroic death at the throttle of his engine at Vaughan, Miss., on April 30, 1900, Saunders, chanting as he worked, put line and line together until they were caught up and passed on by fellow workers to become one of the immortal folksongs of the rails.

Q. What was the fastest run ever recorded on the railroads of the United States?

A. On June 12, 1905, the Pennsylvania Special, now the Broadway Limited, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, ran three miles in Ohio in 85 seconds, or at the rate of 127.06 miles per hour.

CASEY
THE COP
HENRY BOLTINOFF
GOSH, IT'S ONE OF THE HOTTEST DAYS OF THE YEAR !
CASEY REPORTING! WHAT'S THAT? SOMEONE SAW 'SPIKE' HARRIS, THE ESCAPED CONVICT GO INTO THE PIX THEATRE--AND YOU WANT ME TO GO IN AND INVESTIGATE?
P.D.
SARGE, ARE YOU SURE IT WASN'T THE BIJOU THEATRE ?
YOU HEARD ME! I SAID THE PIX THEATRE! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?
WELL, THE BIJOU IS AIR CONDITIONED!
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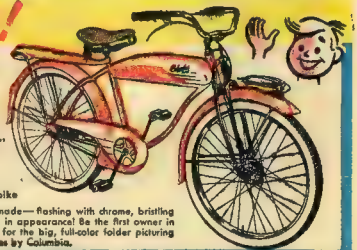

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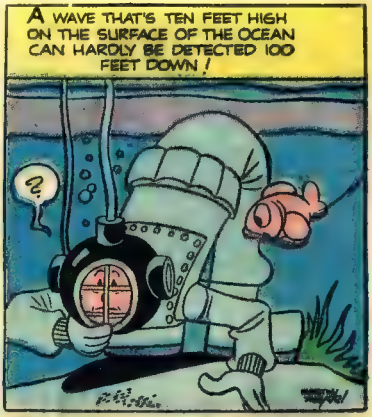

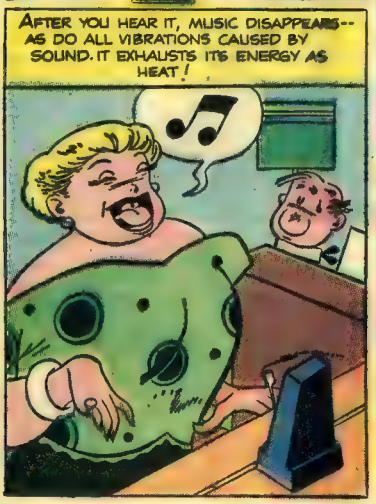

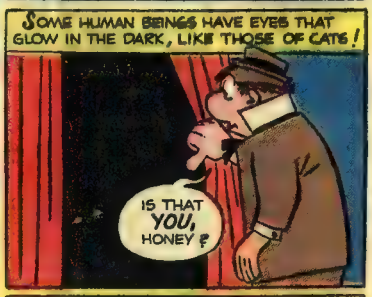

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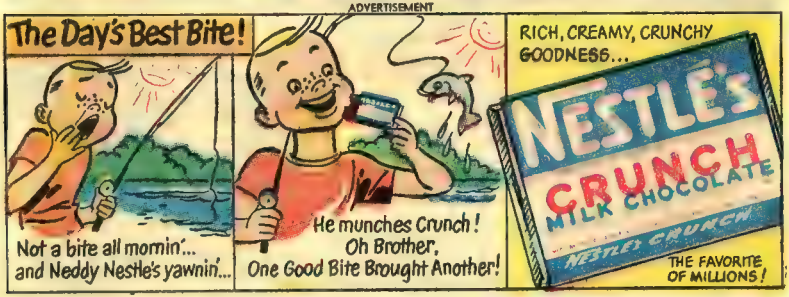
The Day's Best Bite!
Not a bite all mornin'... and Neddy Nestle's yawnin'...
He munches Crunch! Oh Brother, One Good Bite Brought Another!
RICH, CREAMY, CRUNCHY GOODNESS...
NESTLE'S
CRUNCH
MILK CHOCOLATE
NESTLE'S CRUNCH
THE FAVORITE OF MILLIONS!

BATMAN
WITH
ROBIN
-THE BOY WONDER-
SO LONG, BATMAN!
HA HA HA HO
WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF BATMAN'S LEGS WERE BROKEN? HOW COULD THE GANGBUSTER BATTLE WITH BUSTED LEGS? LEGS IMPRISONED IN PLASTER CASTS CANNOT RUN AFTER FLEET CRIMINALS--AND GANGLAND KNOWS THIS! WHAT CAN BATMAN DO IN SUCH A SITUATION? YOU'LL SEE HOW BATMAN MEETS THIS CHALLENGE AND TRACKS DOWN A MOST AMAZING RACKET WHEN HE BECOMES...
"THE WHEELCHAIR CRIMEFIGHTER!"
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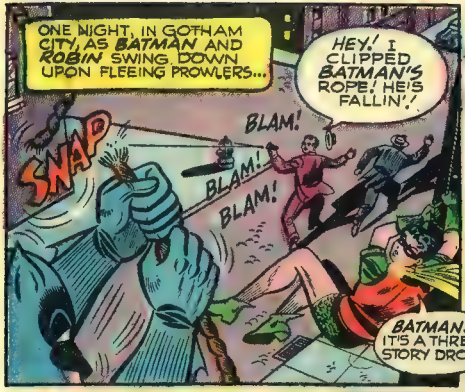
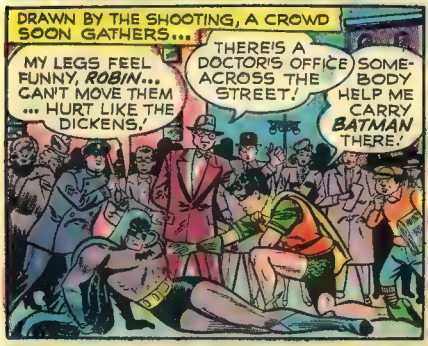
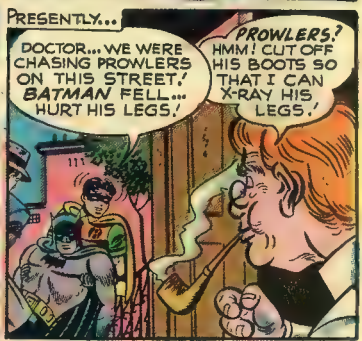
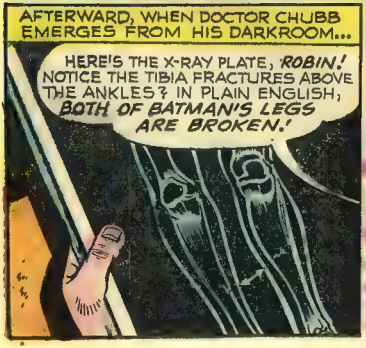
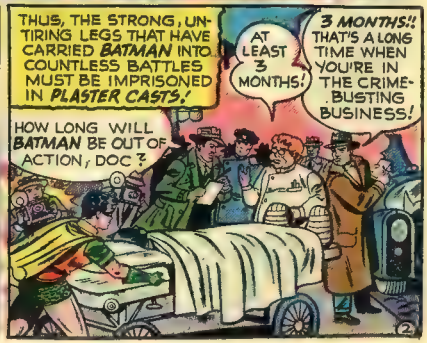

ONE NIGHT, IN GOTHAM CITY, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN SWING DOWN UPON FLEEING PROWLERS...
HEY! I CLIPPED BATMAN'S ROPE! HE'S FALLIN'!
SNAP
BLAM!
BLAM!
BLAM!
BATMAN! IT'S A THREE-STORY DROP!

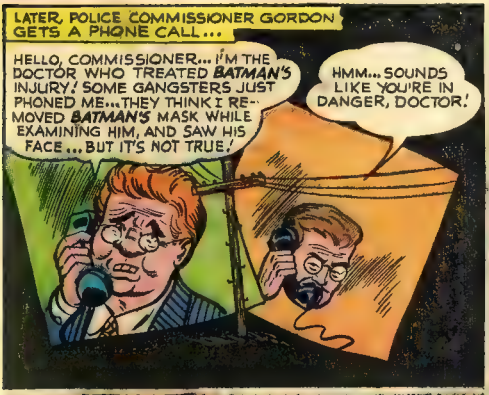
PLUMMETING DOWNWARD, THE AGILE BATMAN TWISTS HIS BODY TO AVOID CRASHING ON HIS BACK, BUT...
UHH... MY LEGS!


DRAWN BY THE SHOOTING, A CROWD SOON GATHERS...
MY LEGS FEEL FUNNY, ROBIN... CAN'T MOVE THEM ... HURT LIKE THE DICKENS!
THERE'S A DOCTOR'S OFFICE ACROSS THE STREET!
SOMEBODY HELP ME CARRY BATMAN THERE!


PRESENTLY...
DOCTOR... WE WERE CHASING PROWLERS ON THIS STREET. BATMAN FELL... HURT HIS LEGS!
PROWLERS? HMM! CUT OFF HIS BOOTS SO THAT I CAN X-RAY HIS LEGS.


AFTERWARD, WHEN DOCTOR CHUBB EMERGES FROM HIS DARKROOM...
HERE'S THE X-RAY PLATE, ROBIN! NOTICE THE TIBIA FRACTURES ABOVE THE ANKLES? IN PLAIN ENGLISH, BOTH OF BATMAN'S LEGS ARE BROKEN.

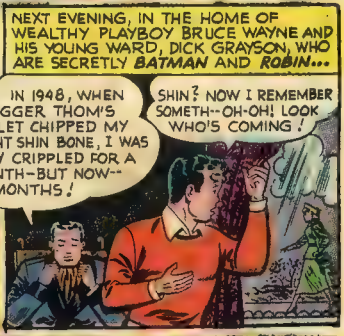

THUS, THE STRONG, UNTIRING LEGS THAT HAVE CARRIED BATMAN INTO COUNTLESS BATTLES MUST BE IMPRISONED IN PLASTER CASTS!
AT LEAST 3 MONTHS!
3 MONTHS!! THAT'S A LONG TIME WHEN YOU'RE IN THE CRIME-BUSTING BUSINESS!
HOW LONG WILL BATMAN BE OUT OF ACTION, DOC?

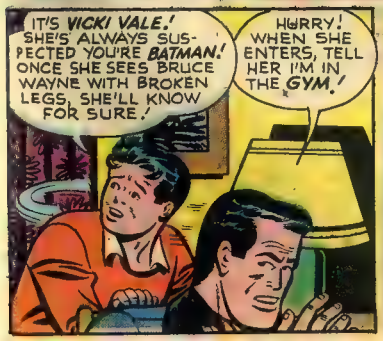

LATER, POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON GETS A PHONE CALL...
HELLO, COMMISSIONER... I'M THE DOCTOR WHO TREATED BATMAN'S INJURY! SOME GANGSTERS JUST PHONED ME...THEY THINK I REMOVED BATMAN'S MASK WHILE EXAMINING HIM, AND SAW HIS FACE... BUT IT'S NOT TRUE!
HMM... SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE IN DANGER, DOCTOR!

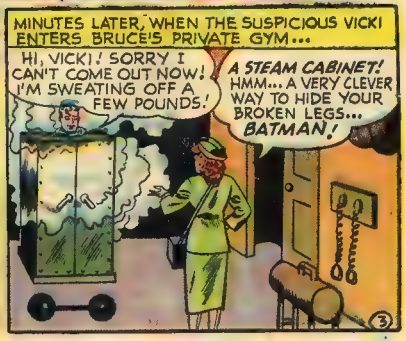
I AM, COMMISSIONER! THE CROOKS DIDN'T BELIEVE ME, AND THEY THREATENED TO KILL ME UNLESS I REVEAL BATMAN'S IDENTITY!
VERY WELL, DOCTOR CHUBB! I'LL PUT A 24-HOUR POLICE GUARD AROUND YOUR HOUSE! NO CROOK WILL COME NEAR YOU!

CLICK
GOTHAM GAZETTE
BATMAN INVALIDED FO 3 MON
UNDERWORLD CELEBRATES
CRIME WAVE FORESEEN

"CRIME WAVE"! IF EVER I NEEDED BATMAN'S HELP, IT'S NOW--BUT A MAN WITH HIS LEGS IN CASTS SIMPLY CAN'T CHASE CROOKS!


NEXT EVENING, IN THE HOME OF WEALTHY PLAYBOY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON, WHO ARE SECRETLY BATMAN AND ROBIN...
IN 1948, WHEN TRIGGER THOM'S BULLET CHIPPED MY RIGHT SHIN BONE, I WAS ONLY CRIPPLED FOR A MONTH--BUT NOW--3 MONTHS!
SHIN? NOW I REMEMBER SOMETH--OH-OH! LOOK WHO'S COMING!


IT'S VICKI VALE! SHE'S ALWAYS SUSPECTED YOU'RE BATMAN! ONCE SHE SEES BRUCE WAYNE WITH BROKEN LEGS, SHE'LL KNOW FOR SURE!
HURRY! WHEN SHE ENTERS, TELL HER I'M IN THE GYM!


MINUTES LATER, WHEN THE SUSPICIOUS VICKI ENTERS BRUCE'S PRIVATE GYM...
HI, VICKI! SORRY I CAN'T COME OUT NOW! I'M SWEATING OFF A FEW POUNDS!
A STEAM CABINET! HMM... A VERY CLEVER WAY TO HIDE YOUR BROKEN LEGS... BATMAN!
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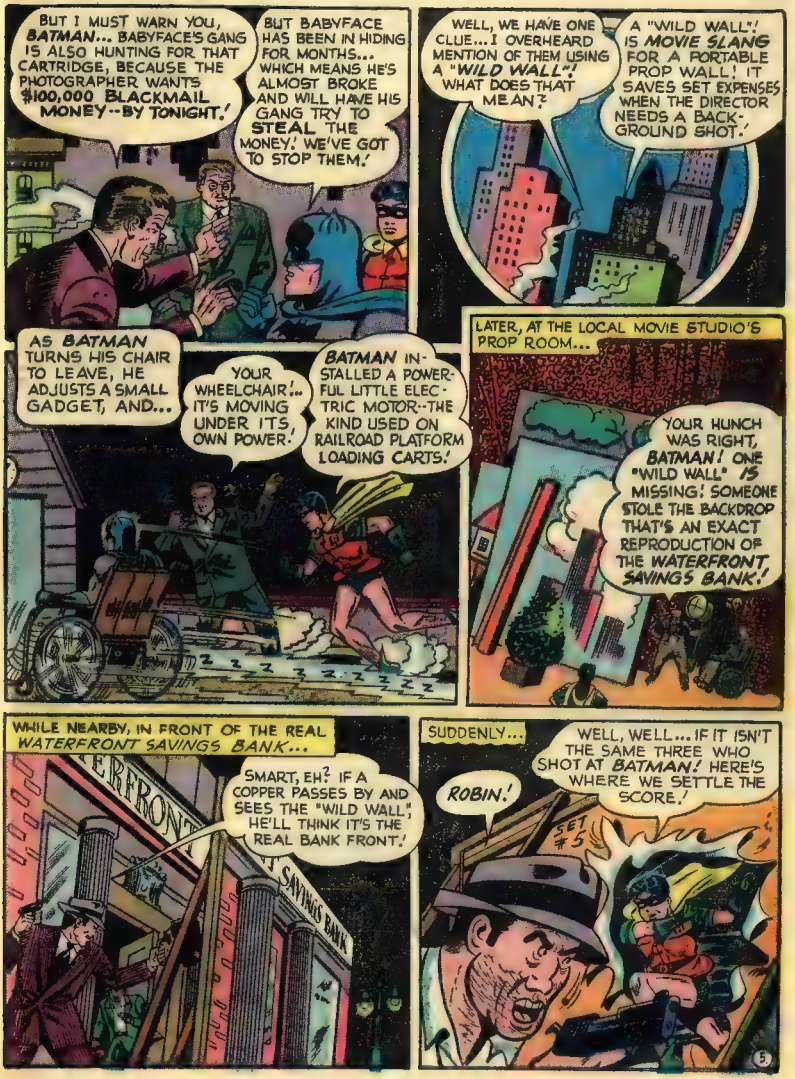
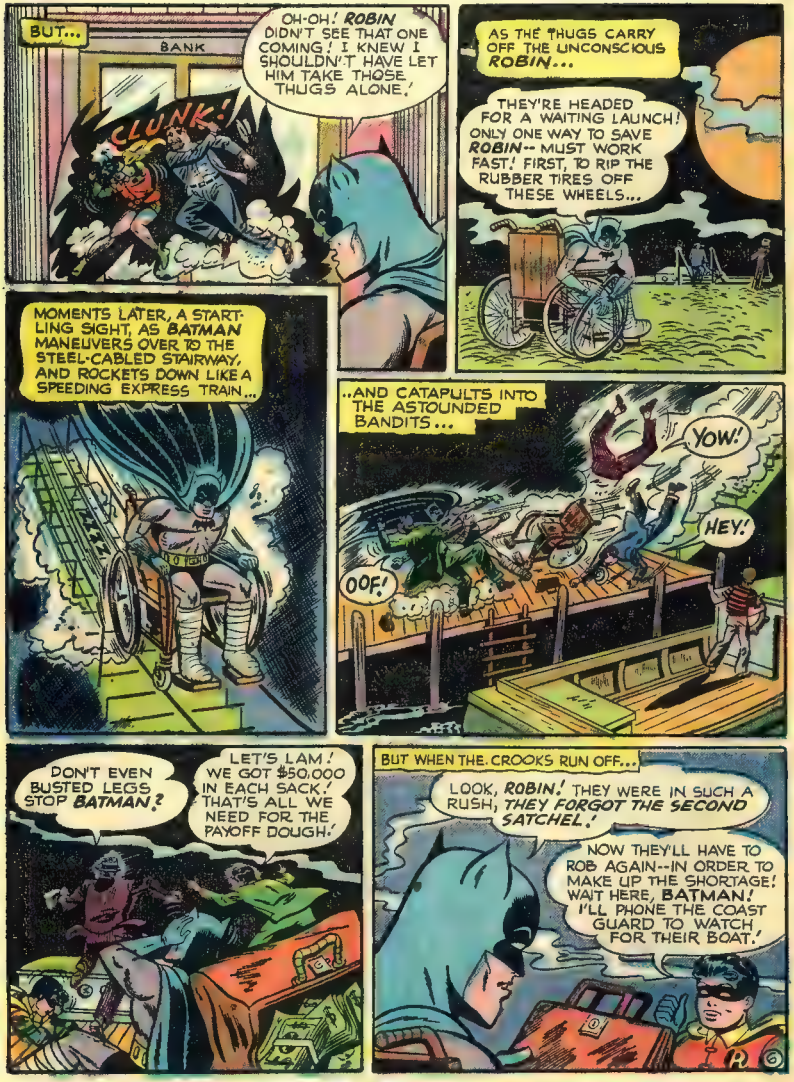
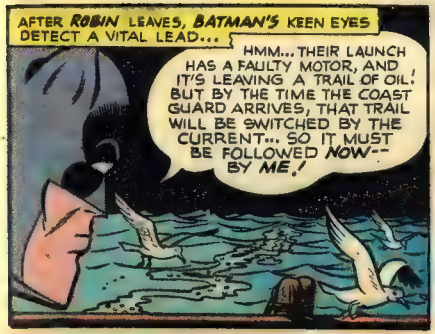
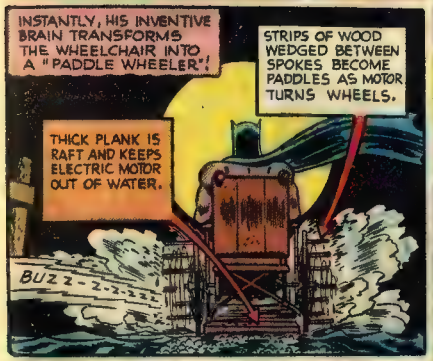
SO YOU STILL THINK I'M BATMAN, EH? HAVEN'T I DISPROVED THAT NOTION TO YOU IN THE PAST?
MAYBE... BUT YOU CAN DISPROVE IT AGAIN... BY TAKING ME DANCING TONIGHT! WE HAVE A DATE... AND YOUR LEGS BETTER BE IN GOOD CONDITION FOR THE RHUMBA!
OOOH! WE'RE SUNK!
AFTER VICKI LEAVES...
GOSH... HOW CAN I BREAK THAT DATE WITHOUT LETTING VICKI KNOW I'M BATMAN? I'VE REALLY GOT A PROBLEM!
SO HAS COMMISSIONER GORDON! THERE'S THE BAT-SIGNAL FROM HEADQUARTERS!
SOON, ATOP THE ROOF OF HEADQUARTERS...
ROBIN! I'M GLAD YOU ANSWERED THE SIGNAL! I'LL HAVE TO DEPEND ON YOU ALONE, NOW THAT BATMAN IS TEMPORARILY "RETIRED"!
WHO'S RETIRED?!
BATMAN! BUT IN YOUR CONDITION, YOU CAN'T...
I CAN'T LET THE UNDERWORLD THINK BATMAN'S BEEN STOPPED BY TWO BUM LEGS! I'LL FIGHT CROOKS EVEN IF I HAVE TO CRAWL ON MY HANDS AND KNEES! NOW, WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?
YOU'LL GET THE WHOLE STORY FROM SERGEANT NEVINS, HERE! HE'S BEEN POSING AS A GANGSTER.. DOING UNDERCOVER WORK!
YES, BATMAN... I'VE FINALLY LEARNED WHY WE CAN'T FIND BABYFACE FULOP, THE RACKETEER! HE'S HAD HIS FACE CHANGED BY PLASTIC SURGERY!
SOMEBODY... I DON'T KNOW WHO... MADE A SNEAK PHOTOGRAPH OF BABYFACE'S NEW FACE ON A FILM CARTRIDGE OF THIS SIZE! BUT THAT SOMEBODY HID THE CARTRIDGE!
HMM... WE COULD SPOT BABYFACE ANYWHERE -- IF WE KNEW WHERE THAT CARTRIDGE IS HIDDEN!

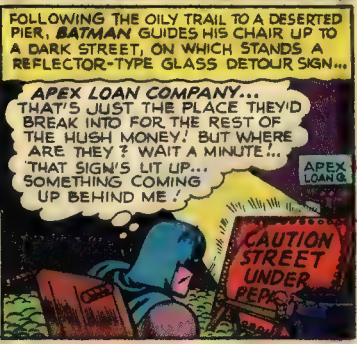

BUT I MUST WARN YOU, BATMAN... BABYFACE'S GANG IS ALSO HUNTING FOR THAT CARTRIDGE, BECAUSE THE PHOTOGRAPHER WANTS $100,000 BLACKMAIL MONEY--BY TONIGHT.'
BUT BABYFACE HAS BEEN IN HIDING FOR MONTHS... WHICH MEANS HE'S ALMOST BROKE AND WILL HAVE HIS GANG TRY TO STEAL THE MONEY! WE'VE GOT TO STOP THEM.'
WELL, WE HAVE ONE CLUE... I OVERHEARD MENTION OF THEM USING A "WILD WALL"! WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
A "WILD WALL"! IS MOVIE SLANG FOR A PORTABLE PROP WALL! IT SAVES SET EXPENSES WHEN THE DIRECTOR NEEDS A BACK-GROUND SHOT.
AS BATMAN TURNS HIS CHAIR TO LEAVE, HE ADJUSTS A SMALL GADGET, AND...
YOUR WHEELCHAIR!.. IT'S MOVING UNDER ITS OWN POWER.
BATMAN INSTALLED A POWERFUL LITTLE ELECTRIC MOTOR--THE KIND USED ON RAILROAD PLATFORM LOADING CARTS!
LATER, AT THE LOCAL MOVIE STUDIO'S PROP ROOM...
YOUR HUNCH WAS RIGHT, BATMAN! ONE "WILD WALL" IS MISSING! SOMEONE STOLE THE BACKDROP THAT'S AN EXACT REPRODUCTION OF THE WATERFRONT SAVINGS BANK!
WHILE NEARBY, IN FRONT OF THE REAL WATERFRONT SAVINGS BANK...
SMART, EH? IF A COPPER PASSES BY AND SEES THE "WILD WALL," HE'LL THINK IT'S THE REAL BANK FRONT.'
SAVINGS BANK
SUDDENLY...
WELL, WELL... IF IT ISN'T THE SAME THREE WHO SHOT AT BATMAN! HERE'S WHERE WE SETTLE THE SCORE.'
ROBIN!
SET #5

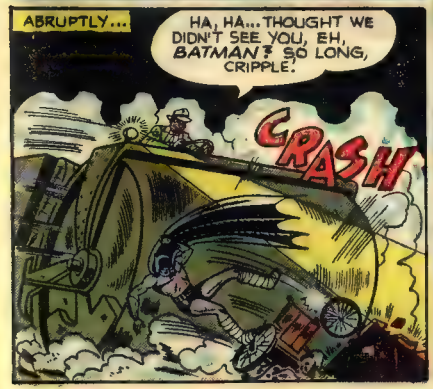

BUT...
BANK
CLUNK!
OH-OH! ROBIN DIDN'T SEE THAT ONE COMING! I KNEW I SHOULDN'T HAVE LET HIM TAKE THOSE THUGS ALONE!
AS THE THUGS CARRY OFF THE UNCONSCIOUS ROBIN...
THEY'RE HEADED FOR A WAITING LAUNCH! ONLY ONE WAY TO SAVE ROBIN-- MUST WORK FAST! FIRST, TO RIP THE RUBBER TIRES OFF THESE WHEELS...
MOMENTS LATER, A STARTLING SIGHT, AS BATMAN MANEUVERS OVER TO THE STEEL-CABLED STAIRWAY, AND ROCKETS DOWN LIKE A SPEEDING EXPRESS TRAIN...
..AND CATAPULTS INTO THE ASTOUNDED BANDITS...
YOW!
HEY!
OOF!
DON'T EVEN BUSTED LEGS STOP BATMAN?
LET'S LAM! WE GOT $50,000 IN EACH SACK! THAT'S ALL WE NEED FOR THE PAYOFF DOUGH!
BUT WHEN THE CROOKS RUN OFF...
LOOK, ROBIN! THEY WERE IN SUCH A RUSH, THEY FORGOT THE SECOND SATCHEL!
NOW THEY'LL HAVE TO ROB AGAIN--IN ORDER TO MAKE UP THE SHORTAGE! WAIT HERE, BATMAN! I'LL PHONE THE COAST GUARD TO WATCH FOR THEIR BOAT!

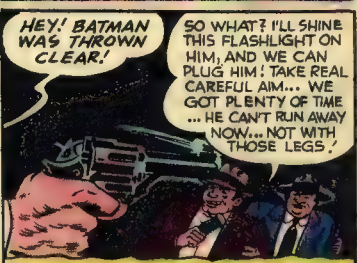

AFTER ROBIN LEAVES, BATMAN'S KEEN EYES DETECT A VITAL LEAD...
HMM... THEIR LAUNCH HAS A FAULTY MOTOR, AND IT'S LEAVING A TRAIL OF OIL! BUT BY THE TIME THE COAST GUARD ARRIVES, THAT TRAIL WILL BE SWITCHED BY THE CURRENT... SO IT MUST BE FOLLOWED NOW-- BY ME!

LET'S SEE... THERE'S NO BOAT AROUND THAT I CAN BORROW... BUT THAT THICK PLANK AND THOSE STRIPS OF WOOD... WITH THEM I'LL BE ABLE TO TRAIL THAT LAUNCH IN SPITE OF MY BROKEN LEGS!


INSTANTLY, HIS INVENTIVE BRAIN TRANSFORMS THE WHEELCHAIR INTO A "PADDLE WHEELER"!
STRIPS OF WOOD WEDGED BETWEEN SPOKES BECOME PADDLES AS MOTOR TURNS WHEELS.
THICK PLANK IS RAFT AND KEEPS ELECTRIC MOTOR OUT OF WATER.
BUZZ-Z-Z-Z-Z-Z


FOLLOWING THE OILY TRAIL TO A DESERTED PIER, BATMAN GUIDES HIS CHAIR UP TO A DARK STREET, ON WHICH STANDS A REFLECTOR-TYPE GLASS DETOUR SIGN...
APEX LOAN COMPANY... THAT'S JUST THE PLACE THEY'D BREAK INTO FOR THE REST OF THE HUSH MONEY! BUT WHERE ARE THEY? WAIT A MINUTE!... THAT SIGN'S LIT UP... SOMETHING COMING UP BEHIND ME!
APEX LOAN
CAUTION STREET UNDER REPAIR

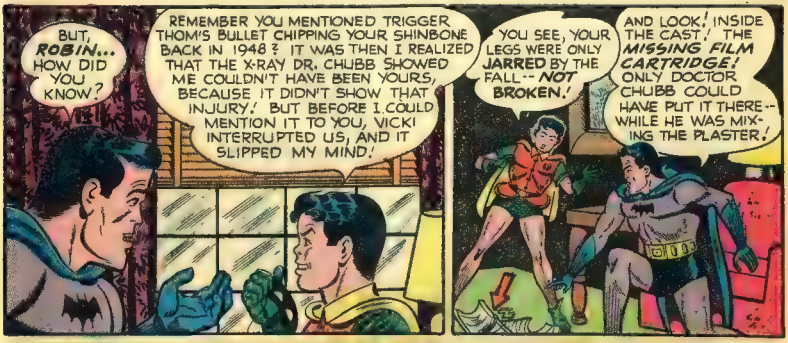


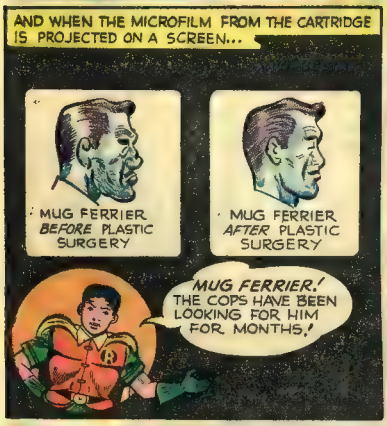

HEY! BATMAN WAS THROWN CLEAR!
SO WHAT? I'LL SHINE THIS FLASHLIGHT ON HIM, AND WE CAN PLUG HIM! TAKE REAL CAREFUL AIM... WE GOT PLENTY OF TIME ... HE CAN'T RUN AWAY NOW... NOT WITH THOSE LEGS!

PINNED DOWN BY THE HEAVY LEG CASTS, BATMAN IS A HELPLESS TARGET AS THE GUNMEN APPROACH SLOWLY, OMINOUSLY! WHAT CAN THE DISABLED CRIME-BUSTER DO? HAS HE ANY CHANCE AT ALL?

QUICKLY, BATMAN'S BRILLIANT MIND EVOLVES A PLAN!
LUCKILY, IT'S TOO DARK FOR THEM TO NOTICE WHAT I'M DOING! I'LL JUST LAY THIS CHAIR WHEEL ON THE FRESH TAR... IT'S STILL TACKY...
NOW I'LL RUB THE STICKY WHEEL OVER THE BROKEN CHIPS OF GLASS FROM THE DETOUR SIGN! OH-OH... HERE COMES THE EXECUTION SQUAD!
OKAY, BOYS, GET SET! WHEN I SHINE MY LIGHT ON HIM -- FIRE!
BLINDINGLY, THE FLASH-LIGHT GLARES -- AND AT THE SAME MOMENT, BATMAN SPINS THE CHAIR WHEEL...
YOW! THAT DAZZLING LIGHT ... CAN'T SEE STRAIGHT!
IT WORKED! THEY CAN'T AIM STRAIGHT!
BEFORE THE BEWILDERED BANDITS CAN RECOVER..
WHY SHOULD I BE THE ONLY ONE KNOCKED OFF MY FEET!
I'LL KILL HIM! WHERE'S MY GUN? GIMME A GUN!
SHADDUP! CARS COMING! MAYBE COPPERS! LET'S SCRAM!
THEY ARE THE POLICE! I USED MY BELT RADIO TO CONTACT ROBIN, AND GIVE HIM MY ROUTE, WHILE I WAS RIDING THE WATER!
LATER...
THANKS TO YOU, BATMAN, BABYFACE'S GANG IS STILL SHORT OF THAT MONEY! YOU'RE A TOUGH MAN TO BEAT, EVEN IN A WHEELCHAIR --OR WHAT'S LEFT OF IT!
GUESS I'D BETTER GO RIGHT HOME AND GET ANOTHER CHAIR, EH?

AFTERWARD, BACK AT THE WAYNE MANSION...
OUR TROUBLES AREN'T OVER YET, ROBIN! IN ONE HOUR, VICKI WILL KNOW MY SECRET IDENTITY, UNLESS I CAN THINK OF SOMETHING FAST!
VICKI! THAT'S IT! I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING YOU MENTIONED WHEN SHE CAME HERE EARLIER TODAY!
SNATCHING UP A HAMMER, ROBIN STARTS CRACKING THE CASTS ON BATMAN'S LEGS!
ROBIN! HAVE YOU GONE CRAZY? STOP!
I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING!
NOW... GET UP ON YOUR FEET--AND WALK!
WALK?! BUT MY LEGS ARE BROKEN!
I TELL YOU IT'S ALL RIGHT! YOU CAN WALK!
WELL... I'LL TRY...
FOR AN INSTANT, BATMAN STANDS, SWAYING, BUT AS HE MOVES HIS FEET...
UHHH... I CAN'T... THERE'S NO LIFE IN MY LEGS!
THEY'RE ONLY STIFF... FROM BEING IN THE CASTS SO LONG! TRY IT AGAIN! WALK!
TIGHTENING HIS LIPS, BATMAN AGAIN STANDS ERECT... AND THEN, A MIRACLE SEEMS TO HAPPEN!
I CAN, WALK. I CAN, WALK!
OF COURSE YOU CAN, YOUR LEGS AREN'T BROKEN!


BUT, ROBIN... HOW DID YOU KNOW?
REMEMBER YOU MENTIONED TRIGGER THOM'S BULLET CHIPPING YOUR SHINBONE BACK IN 1948? IT WAS THEN I REALIZED THAT THE X-RAY DR. CHUBB SHOWED ME COULDN'T HAVE BEEN YOURS, BECAUSE IT DIDN'T SHOW THAT INJURY! BUT BEFORE I COULD MENTION IT TO YOU, VICKI INTERRUPTED US, AND IT SLIPPED MY MIND!
YOU SEE, YOUR LEGS WERE ONLY JARRED BY THE FALL -- NOT BROKEN!
AND LOOK! INSIDE THE CAST! THE MISSING FILM CARTRIDGE! ONLY DOCTOR CHUBB COULD HAVE PUT IT THERE -- WHILE HE WAS MIXING THE PLASTER!


AND WHEN THE MICROFILM FROM THE CARTRIDGE IS PROJECTED ON A SCREEN...
MUG FERRIER BEFORE PLASTIC SURGERY
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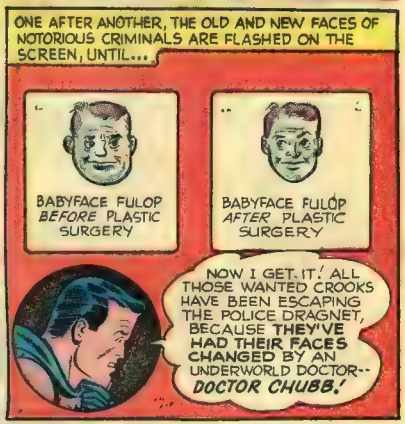
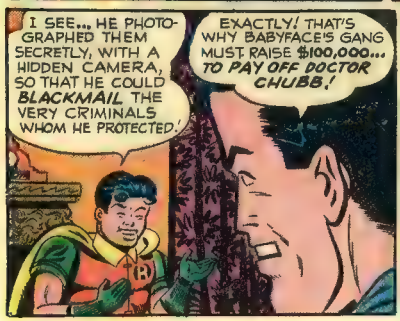
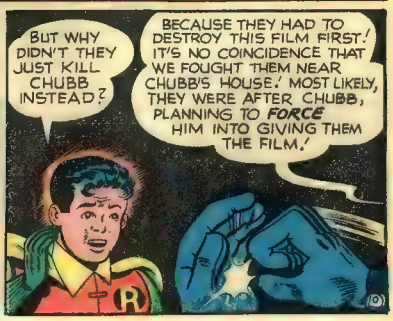
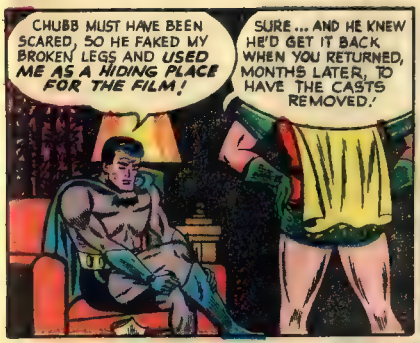
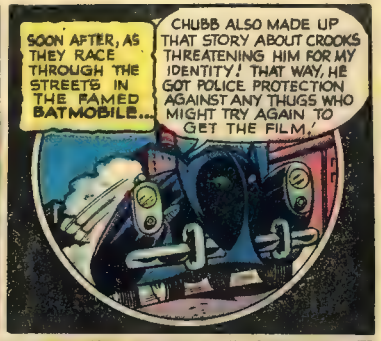
MUG FERRIER! THE COPS HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR HIM FOR MONTHS!

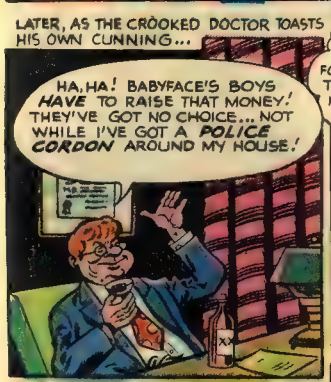

ONE AFTER ANOTHER, THE OLD AND NEW FACES OF NOTORIOUS CRIMINALS ARE FLASHED ON THE SCREEN, UNTIL...
BABYFACE FULOP BEFORE PLASTIC SURGERY
BABYFACE FULOP AFTER PLASTIC SURGERY
NOW I GET IT! ALL THOSE WANTED CROOKS HAVE BEEN ESCAPING THE POLICE DRAGNET, BECAUSE THEY'VE HAD THEIR FACES CHANGED BY AN UNDERWORLD DOCTOR -- DOCTOR CHUBB!

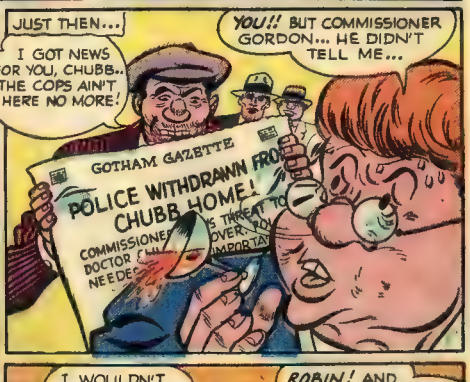

I SEE... HE PHOTOGRAPHED THEM SECRETLY, WITH A HIDDEN CAMERA, SO THAT HE COULD BLACKMAIL THE VERY CRIMINALS WHOM HE PROTECTED!
EXACTLY! THAT'S WHY BABYFACE'S GANG MUST RAISE $100,000... TO PAY OFF DOCTOR CHUBB!

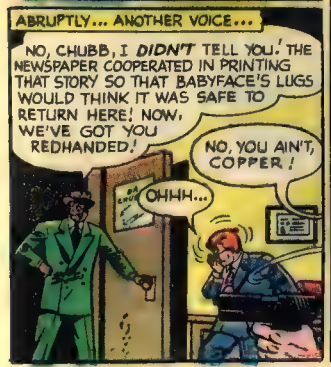

BUT WHY DIDN'T THEY JUST KILL CHUBB INSTEAD?
BECAUSE THEY HAD TO DESTROY THIS FILM FIRST! IT'S NO COINCIDENCE THAT WE FOUGHT THEM NEAR CHUBB'S HOUSE! MOST LIKELY, THEY WERE AFTER CHUBB, PLANNING TO FORCE HIM INTO GIVING THEM THE FILM!

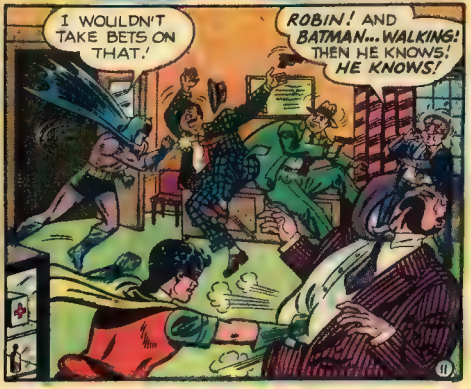

CHUBB MUST HAVE BEEN SCARED, SO HE FAKED MY BROKEN LEGS AND USED ME AS A HIDING PLACE FOR THE FILM!
SURE... AND HE KNEW HE'D GET IT BACK WHEN YOU RETURNED, MONTHS LATER, TO HAVE THE CASTS REMOVED.'

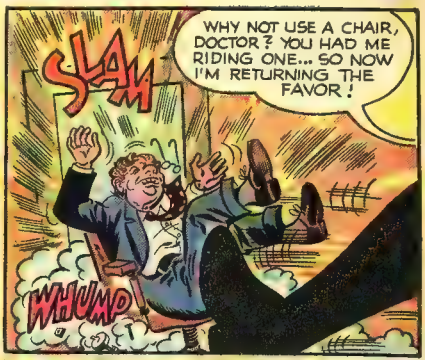

SOON AFTER, AS THEY RACE THROUGH THE STREETS IN THE FAMED BATMOBILE...
CHUBB ALSO MADE UP THAT STORY ABOUT CROOKS THREATENING HIM FOR MY IDENTITY! THAT WAY, HE GOT POLICE PROTECTION AGAINST ANY THUGS WHO MIGHT TRY AGAIN TO GET THE FILM.'

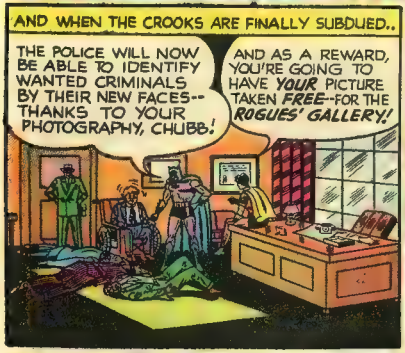

LATER, AS THE CROOKED DOCTOR TOASTS HIS OWN CUNNING...
HA, HA! BABYFACE'S BOYS HAVE TO RAISE THAT MONEY! THEY'VE GOT NO CHOICE... NOT WHILE I'VE GOT A POLICE CORDON AROUND MY HOUSE!

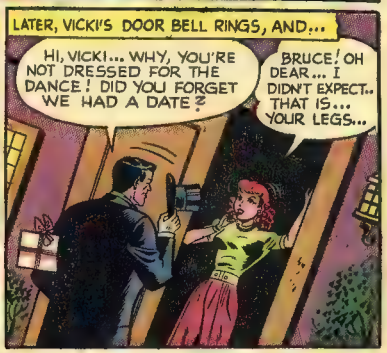

JUST THEN...
I GOT NEWS FOR YOU, CHUBB.. THE COPS AIN'T HERE NO MORE!
YOU!! BUT COMMISSIONER GORDON... HE DIDN'T TELL ME...
GOTHAM GAZETTE
POLICE WITHDRAWN FRO
CHUBB HOME!


ABRUPTLY... ANOTHER VOICE...
NO, CHUBB, I DIDN'T TELL YOU.' THE NEWSPAPER COOPERATED IN PRINTING THAT STORY SO THAT BABYFACE'S LUGS WOULD THINK IT WAS SAFE TO RETURN HERE! NOW, WE'VE GOT YOU REDHANDED!
NO, YOU AIN'T, COPPER!
OHHH...

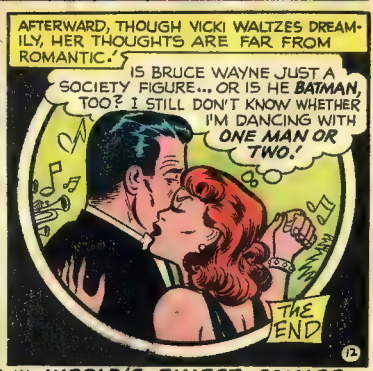

I WOULDN'T TAKE BETS ON THAT.'
ROBIN!' AND BATMAN... WALKING! THEN HE KNOWS! HE KNOWS!




AND WHEN THE CROOKS ARE FINALLY SUBDUED..
THE POLICE WILL NOW BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY WANTED CRIMINALS BY THEIR NEW FACES--THANKS TO YOUR PHOTOGRAPHY, CHUBB!
AND AS A REWARD, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE YOUR PICTURE TAKEN FREE--FOR THE ROGUES' GALLERY!


LATER, VICKI'S DOOR BELL RINGS, AND...
HI, VICKI... WHY, YOU'RE NOT DRESSED FOR THE DANCE! DID YOU FORGET WE HAD A DATE?
BRUCE! OH DEAR... I DIDN'T EXPECT.. THAT IS... YOUR LEGS...

PRESENTLY, AS THEY WALK TOWARD BRUCE'S CAR...
WUXTRY! BATMAN'S LEGS NOT BROKEN! WUXTRY!
WHAT? LEGS... NOT BROKEN? THEN THAT MEANS...!
ANY-THING WRONG, VICKI?
GOTHA


AFTERWARD, THOUGH VICKI WALTZES DREAMILY, HER THOUGHTS ARE FAR FROM ROMANTIC.
IS BRUCE WAYNE JUST A SOCIETY FIGURE... OR IS HE BATMAN, TOO? I STILL DON'T KNOW WHETHER I'M DANCING WITH ONE MAN OR TWO!
THE END

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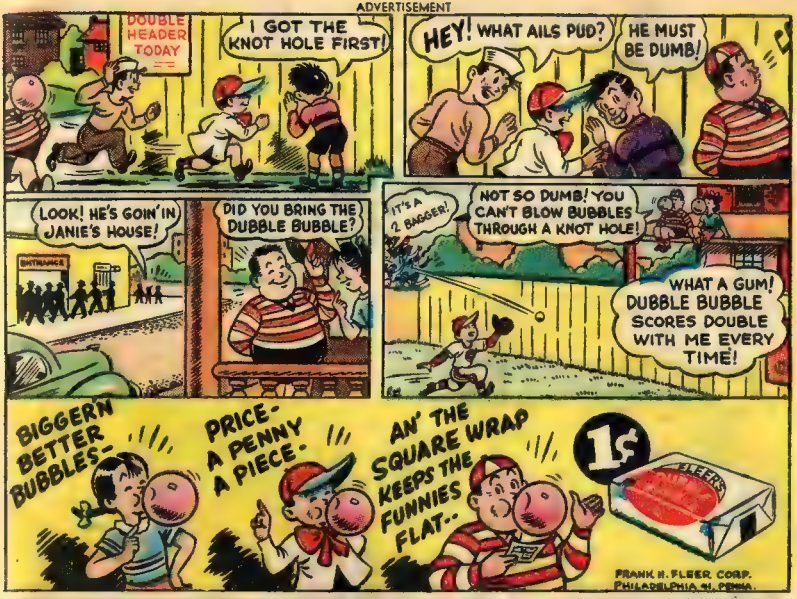
DOUBLE HEADER TODAY
I GOT THE KNOT HOLE FIRST!
HEY! WHAT AILS PUD?
HE MUST BE DUMB!
LOOK! HE'S GOIN' IN JANIE'S HOUSE!
ENTRANCE
DID YOU BRING THE DUBBLE BUBBLE?
IT'S A 2 BAGGER!
NOT SO DUMB! YOU CAN'T BLOW BUBBLES THROUGH A KNOT HOLE!
WHAT A GUM! DUBBLE BUBBLE SCORES DOUBLE WITH ME EVERY TIME!
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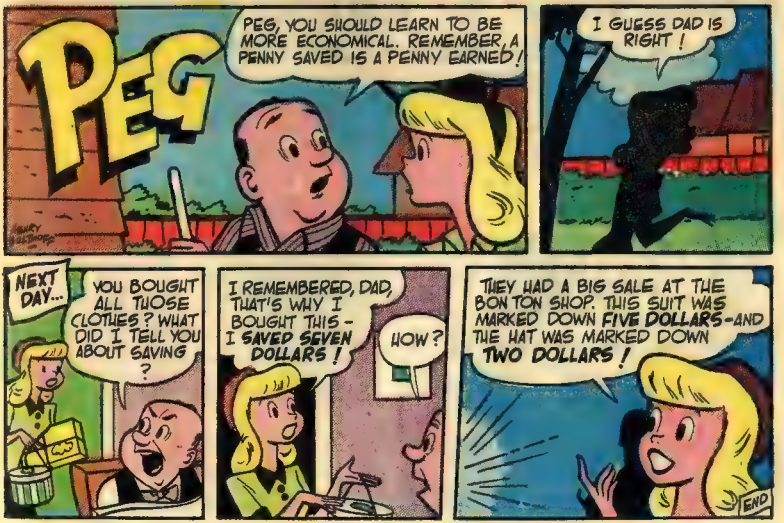
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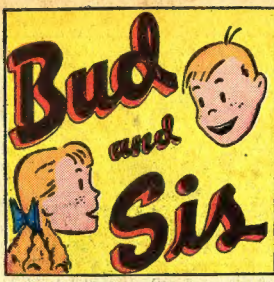
PEG, YOU SHOULD LEARN TO BE MORE ECONOMICAL. REMEMBER, A PENNY SAVED IS A PENNY EARNED!
I GUESS DAD IS RIGHT!
NEXT DAY...
YOU BOUGHT ALL THOSE CLOTHES? WHAT DID I TELL YOU ABOUT SAVING?
I REMEMBERED, DAD, THAT'S WHY I BOUGHT THIS - I SAVED SEVEN DOLLARS!
HOW?
THEY HAD A BIG SALE AT THE BON TON SHOP. THIS SUIT WAS MARKED DOWN FIVE DOLLARS - AND THE HAT WAS MARKED DOWN TWO DOLLARS!
END



BUD, COULD I GET A WRIST WATCH THE SAME EASY WAY YOU GOT THAT AIR RIFLE
YOU SURE CAN SIS, ALSO DOLLS BICYCLES AND MANY OTHER THINGS, JUST MAIL COUPON TO START, LIKE I DID
AND SIS MAILS IN THE COUPON AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE

LOOK, BUD – WILSON SENT WHITE CLOVERINE BRAND SALVE AND EVERYTHING. I DIDN'T HAVE TO SEND A PENNY. NOW I'LL GET MY WRISTWATCH
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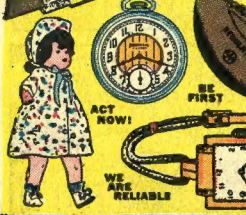

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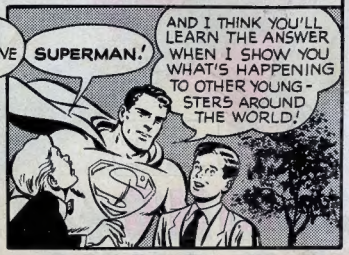
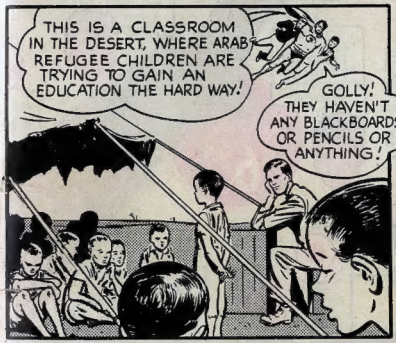
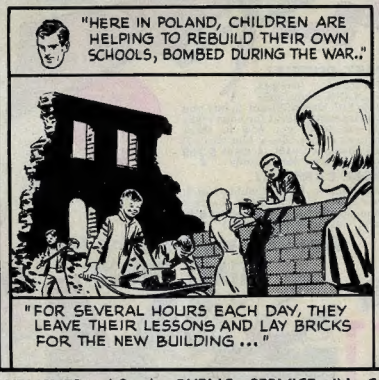
WELL, HERE WE GO AGAIN-- BACK TO THE OLD GRIND!
GOSH, WHY DO WE HAVE TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL AGAIN SO SOON?
THAT'S A QUESTION YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TO ASK!




THIS IS A CLASSROOM IN THE DESERT, WHERE ARAB REFUGEE CHILDREN ARE TRYING TO GAIN AN EDUCATION THE HARD WAY!
GOLLY! THEY HAVEN'T ANY BLACKBOARDS OR PENCILS OR ANYTHING!


"HERE IN POLAND, CHILDREN ARE HELPING TO REBUILD THEIR OWN SCHOOLS, BOMBED DURING THE WAR.."
"FOR SEVERAL HOURS EACH DAY, THEY LEAVE THEIR LESSONS AND LAY BRICKS FOR THE NEW BUILDING..."

BACK HOME AGAIN...
I GET IT, SUPERMAN! WE SHOULDN'T BE KICKING -- A GOOD EDUCATION IS A PRIVILEGE.
RIGHT! MAKE THE MOST OF IT. AN EDUCATION FOR EVERY CHILD CAN HELP TO MAKE A BETTER WORLD FOR ALL!

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